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Scenes from Encore's spring musical. **PAGE 18**

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## Awards Day

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# Parkes, Turner Selected Mr. & Miss ECCC

SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM

Warner Parkes of Nanih Waiya and Mallory Turner of Collinsville were recently selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College by a vote of the student body.

### PARKES

Parkes is the son of Tammy and Luke Parkes of Nanih Waiya and is a 2013 graduate of Nanih Waiya Attendance Center.

Parkes is an active part of East Central's student body participating in various campus organizations and clubs as well as being a member of two of ECCC's athletic teams. He is a member of Warrior Corps, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Phi Theta Kappa, President's Council and is an officer for the Student Body Association. He is a member of the Warrior Cheerleading Squad and is a manager for the War-

rior basketball teams. Parkes said his hangout spot on campus is Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium.

"When I am not studying or attending class, I am helping Coach (Crandall) Porter and his basketball team.

Parkes said he loves EC because of its size and student/teacher ratio.

"It is easy to know every face you see and all the teachers remember your name," he said.

Participating in intramural sports is one of the campus activities Parkes said he enjoys most. His fondest memory of EC was during his sophomore year playing intramural softball.

"We had (team) shirts made that said 'Barn Boys' (in reference to Parkes' off-campus residence) and we were actually pretty decent."

Parkes is an optometry major. The Dean's and President's

lists scholar said he enjoys playing basketball and fishing in his spare time.

After receiving his associate's degree at East Central, Parkes said he plans to continue his education at the Mississippi State University.

### TURNER

Turner is the daughter of Charlie and Patty Turner of Collinsville. She is a 2013 graduate of West Lauderdale High School.

The campus leader and athlete said she treasures the relationships she has made while attending East Central the most.

As a member of the Lady Warrior softball team, Turner can most often be found at the softball field; however, it is the team's weekly Bible study that she said is her favorite on-campus activity.

"It is such a bonding experience as a team," Turner said.

Even though Turner focuses on her sport, she still makes time for her academics and campus leadership roles. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Baptist Student Union, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and an officer of the Student Body Association.

Turner was selected Class Vice President, Class Favorite, Homecoming Maid and received the Softball Award her freshman year. Her sophomore year, she was selected Homecoming Maid. Turner said serving on the Homecoming court her freshman and sophomore years is one of her favorite memories of her years at ECCC.

Turner said she is most inspired by Lady Warrior softball head coach Kristin Chaney.

"On December 7, Coach Chaney was saved and has completely been living for Christ since," Turner said. "It is so awesome to have a coach who



**PARKES, TURNER**

loves the Lord."

Turner is a nursing major and plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi.

She said in her free time she enjoys playing ultimate Frisbee, ninja and heads-up.



**FILE PHOTO**

Kara Beth Johnson celebrates a victory with her team following a Spring Spree Relay event in 2014.





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# Spring Spree 2015 set for April 20-24

BY MADISON BARNETT  
Editor

Teams are being made, volleyball is being practiced and students' mouths are beginning to water thinking about the crawfish boil. That's right; it is almost time for Spring Spree!

Ask a sophomore who participated last year, this is an event you do NOT want to miss, and as if Spring Spree couldn't get any better, the Student Body Association, which hosts the annual event, has added more



MADISON BARNETT  
Editor



FERGUSON

activities to the week.

SBA President Leah Ferguson said, "Spring Spree is a week all for the students at East Central and it is SBA's pride and joy. We provide a crawfish boil at the pavilion which is a major success! The week of Spring Spree there is also a scavenger hunt, a dance, and a full afternoon of relay games. The theme for Spring Spree is 'Superheroes!'"

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**ECCC Collegians:** Members of East Central Community College's rock-n-roll band are (kneeling, from left) technician Acea Ange of Meridian; vocalists Garrett McDill of Conehatta, Ryan Godwin of Newton and Nick Stewart of Philadelphia; and technicians Justin Moore of Kosciusko and Michael Buntyn of Newton; (second row, from left) technicians Patrick Embrey of Hickory, Hannah Mitchell of Meridian, and Jeremy Collins of Forest; auxiliary percussionist Matt Mason of Union; vocalists Tallie Johnston of Lake, Cara Jackson of Louisville and Anna Wells of Noxapater; keyboardist Anna Girling of Carthage; director/guitarist Chas Evans and technicians Ben Avera of Hickory and Ryan McClendon of Forest; and (top row, from left) trombonist Evan Derrick of Morton, saxophonist Zach Peden of Philadelphia, drummer Chris Kelley of Newton, trumpeter Nina LaBue of Conehatta, guitarist Stephen Stewart of Decatur, trumpeter Daniela Vargas of Morton, bass guitarist Houston Martin of Union and technician Ryan Packer of Decatur.

## Collegians to Present Spring Concert April 13

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East Central Community College's rock-n-roll band, "The Collegians," will present its annual spring campus concert at 7 p.m. April 13, in Huff Auditorium.

The popular group will perform hits by Bruno Mars, Scorpions, Ed Sheeran, Meghan Trainor, Kelly Clarkson and many more.

There is no charge for admission and the public is invited to attend.

Members include vocalists Garrett McDill of Conehatta, Ryan Godwin of Newton, Nick Stewart of Philadelphia, Tallie Johnston of Lake, Cara Jackson of Louisville and Anna Wells of Noxapater; auxiliary percussionist Matt Mason of Union; keyboardist Anna Girling of Carthage; trombonist Evan Derrick of Morton; saxophonist Zach Peden of Philadelphia; drummer Chris Kelley of Newton; trumpeters Nina LaBue of Conehatta and Daniela Vargas of Morton; guitarist Stephen Stewart of Decatur; bass

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ECCC music instructor Chas Evans serves as director/guitarist. For more information contact Evans at 601-635-6227. The email is [cevans@ecc.edu](mailto:cevans@ecc.edu).

## Campus WiFi Improvements Continue

BY MADISON BARNETT  
Editor

East Central Community College continues to make updates and improvements on campus. One of which is the campus WiFi.

"The Instructional Technology Department is in the process of expanding classroom WiFi access across campus,

particularly on south campus," said Vice President for Business Operations Mickey Vance.

Currently, the IT Department has completed the expansions in Rives, Ethridge, South Campus gym and Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center

In the coming days, they will add access points in Student Services, eLearning, Associate

Degree Nursing building and Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium.

"When completed, this project will increase our number of access points from 28 to 48, increasing our campus wireless coverage by 58 percent," Vance said.

As a reminder, the college has two wireless networks on campus (not counting the dorms' wireless internet because they

are on Metrocast wireless and not a part of the EC campus network). The older wireless network is ECCC\_Aruba\_Open. The newer network is ECCC\_open. As the IT department continues to improve the wireless coverage in the future, the older ECCC\_Aruba\_Open network will be replaced completely by ECCC\_open.



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**ECCC Beauties & Beaus:** (Above) These East Central Community College students were selected beauties and beaus during the annual Beauty Pageant held February 24. Winners and their respective hometowns are (from left) beau Caleb Thomas of Decatur; beauty Kaitlin Sellers of Ellisville; beau Greyson William Dye of Carthage; beauty Kaley Bufkin of Decatur; Most Handsome Caleb Brown of Philadelphia; Most Beautiful Kelly Covert of Collinsville; beauty Mikayla May of Chunky; beau Dustin Fisher of Lake; beauty Macken'z Smith of Philadelphia and beau Albert McDougle of Union.

**Covert, Brown Win ECCC Pageant:** (Left) Kelly Covert of Collinsville and Caleb Brown of Philadelphia were chosen Most Beautiful and Most Handsome, respectively, at East Central Community College during the annual Beauty Pageant held February 24.

# EC Nursing Curriculum to Change Models

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A curriculum change for East Central Community College's Practical Nursing and Associate Degree Nursing programs was recently adopted, moving from the current "medical model" to a newly designed "concept model."

As a result of the changes, new admission requirements for the Associate Degree Nursing program were also approved and are available on the college website [www.eccc.edu/health-care-education](http://www.eccc.edu/health-care-education).

Applications for Fall 2015 classes are also available on the website and must be received with all documentation by Monday, June 1, 2015. Successful candidates will be notified by June 5.

"The curriculum change will link nursing content together in order to enhance understanding of nursing concepts," said Denita Thomas, ECCC dean of healthcare education. "It is a streamlined curriculum which better prepares today's nurse to succeed in our ever-evolving healthcare industry."

With the ongoing curriculum chang-

es, the program of study has not yet been established, but upon final approval, it will be emailed to each applicant and available on the college website.

Thomas said national leaders of medicine, nursing and nursing education published reports calling for transformation in nursing education as early as 2010.

The emphasis of change in nursing is for patient-centered care, teamwork and collaboration, use of evidence-based practice, continuous quality improvement, focus on safety, increased use of informatics and new roles for

nurses.

Proposed changes in nursing education are student-centered learning and engagement, partnerships in the educational process, improved clinical reasoning/critical thinking, use of critical thinking in arts and sciences and infusion of technology.

"Transitioning to the concept-based curriculum allows ECCC to be at the forefront of these national changes in nursing and nursing education," Thomas said.

Thomas said all nursing programs in Mississippi have either completely transitioned or are in transition to a

concept-based curriculum, which is a form of critical thinking in which students organize and categorize content using concepts. It does not rely on memorization, but instead stresses the understanding of the altered concepts in patient care scenarios.

"Conceptual learning challenges students to think at more advanced levels and to relate previously learned concepts to new learning outcomes," she added.

For more information, contact Thomas at 601-635-6294 or email [dthomas@eccc.edu](mailto:dthomas@eccc.edu).





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**ECCC Chooses Class Favorites:** The favorites for freshman and sophomore classes of 2014-15 have been announced for East Central Community College, following a recent student body election. Those elected include: (front row, from left) sophomores Leah Ferguson of Philadelphia and Colton Horne of Noxapater; (second row, from left) sophomores Nikki Triplett of Forest, Anna Katherine Nowell of Philadelphia, Zachary Allen of Louisville and Ben Cooley of Hattiesburg; (third row, from left) freshman Kaylee Yates of Decatur, sophomore Cara Jackson and freshman Clay Jackson, both of Louisville; and sophomore Caleb Stallings of Enterprise; and (back row, from left) freshmen Kaley Bufkin of Decatur, Skylar Davidson of Morton; Devin Skinner of Philadelphia and Chandler Powell of Forest.

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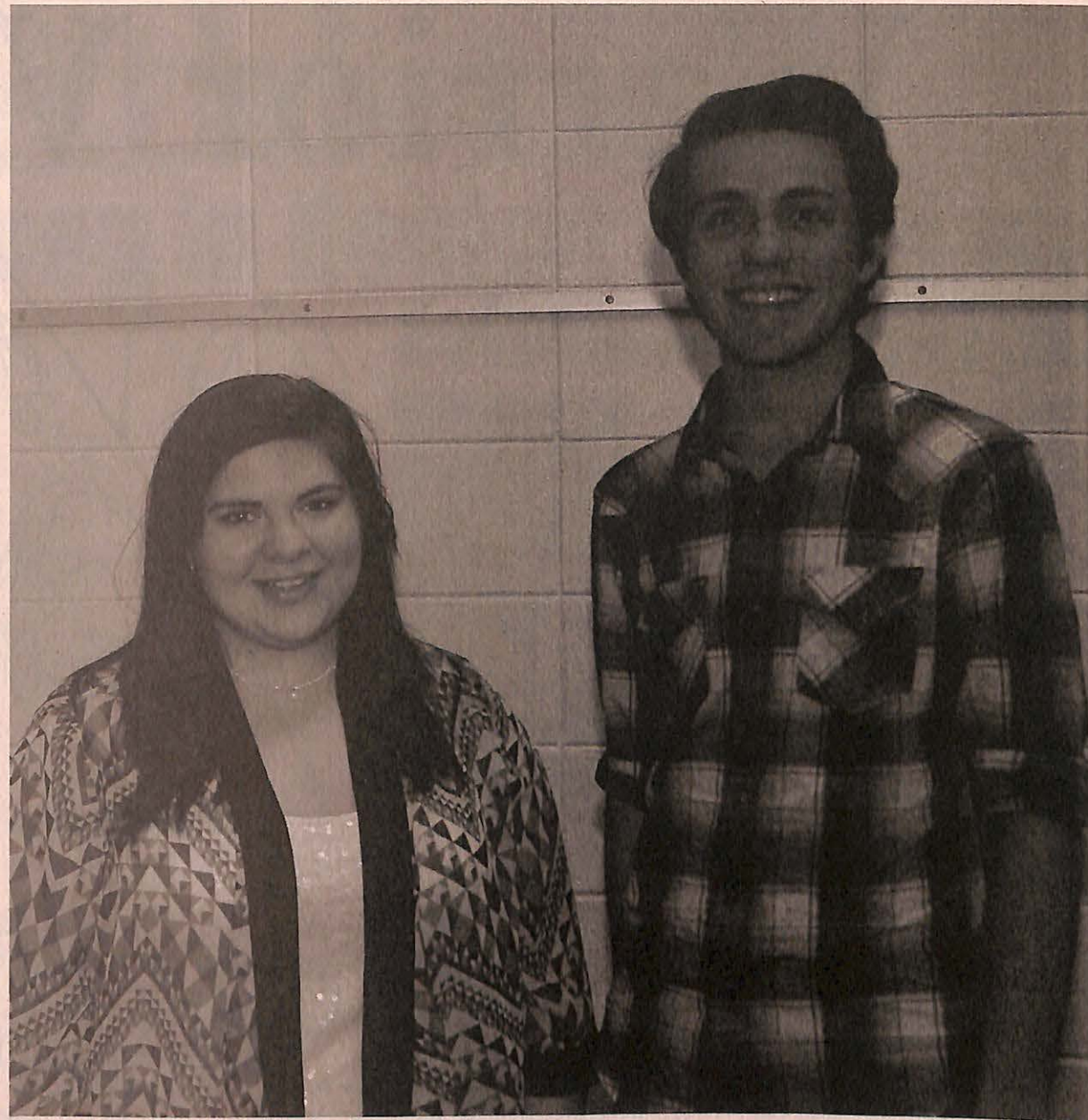
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**Mississippi Department of Public Safety donates police vests to ECCC:** Jim Armstrong (second from right), director of governmental affairs for the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, and State Rep. Randy Rushing of Decatur (second from left) present bullet-proof vests to the East Central Community College Campus Police Department. The Mississippi Department of Public Safety recently donated 15 bullet-proof vests to ECCC Campus Police, thanks in part to the efforts of Rushing, who represents Mississippi's District 78 of Neshoba, Newton, and Scott counties. Shown receiving the vests for ECCC are, from left, Dr. Randall Lee, vice president for student services; Cornelius Parks, campus police officer; John Harris, campus police chief; and James Miller, dean of students. Armstrong said that it was Rushing's assistance in helping the Mississippi Highway Patrol in his district obtain new vests that allowed the Department of Public Safety to provide the used vests to ECCC. Armstrong hopes to provide used in-car cameras to the college in the future.

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**Girling, Hodge To Present Sophomore Recital April 22:** East Central Community College music majors Anna Girling (left) of Carthage and Jonathon Hodge of Lake will present their sophomore recitals at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, in the Vickers Fine Arts Building Auditorium. The public is invited to attend and there is no charge for admission. Girling is double-majoring in piano and percussion and Hodge is a vocal music major.

## EC to Host 'Spring Alumni Day' April 11

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East Central Community College will host "Spring Alumni Day" Saturday, April 11, 2015.

This is a free event beginning at 10 a.m. at Bailey Stadium and will include fun activities

including a football team scrimmage, alumni soccer games, music, inflatables and wiffle ball for the kids.

A picnic lunch, including a crawfish boil, hamburgers, sausage dogs and other items, will be served at 12:30 p.m. and activities conclude later in the afternoon at the Diamond

Warrior baseball team faces Northeast Mississippi Community College in a doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m.

For more information contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations at 601-635-6327 or e-mail [sholling@eccc.edu](mailto:sholling@eccc.edu).

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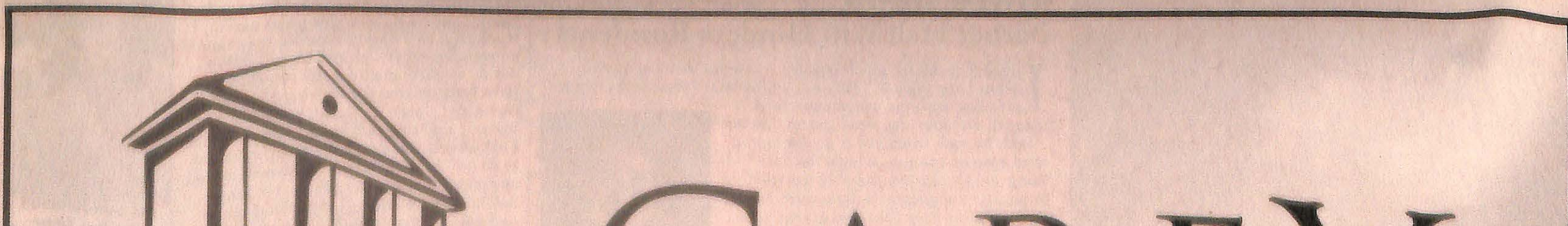
Spring Spree will take place April 20 through April 24. The week will start out with the volleyball tournament at 2:30 on Monday, April 20. That evening EC's Got Talent (talent show) will be held at 6 p.m. On Tuesday, the volleyball tourna-

ment will continue beginning at 2:30 p.m. and later that night at 8:30 p.m. the Spring Spree "Superheroes-themed" dance will be held in South Campus Gymnasium. On Wednesday, the championship volleyball games will be played at 2:30, followed by a scavenger hunt at 3:30 p.m.

On Thursday, the annual Spring Spree Relay Games will be held at 2 p.m. followed by the

annual crawfish boil at 6 p.m.

To participate in a game, students must get together a team that consists of six females plus one female alternate and six males plus one male alternate. Teams must also have a faculty or staff member to be a sponsor, and he or she must be present on Thursday at the games. Forms for Spring Spree teams can be found in the housing office and are due before 3 p.m. on



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# Warrior Viewpoints

## FROM THE EDITOR

### EC: Full of Memories

As time is slowly dwindling down to the end of this school year, I find this time is one of the hardest, yet most accomplished times that some of us are experiencing. Every year a group of well-deserved students, graduate from EC and earn their degree then move on to their next goal in life. Along with moving on, looking back becomes such a hard idea for one to take in. As a sophomore at East Central, I can actually say who I have made many memories and friends that will truly last a lifetime! Most people that do not have the same experiences as I have had really did not get involved in the many activities that occur on campus or even become spiritually involved.

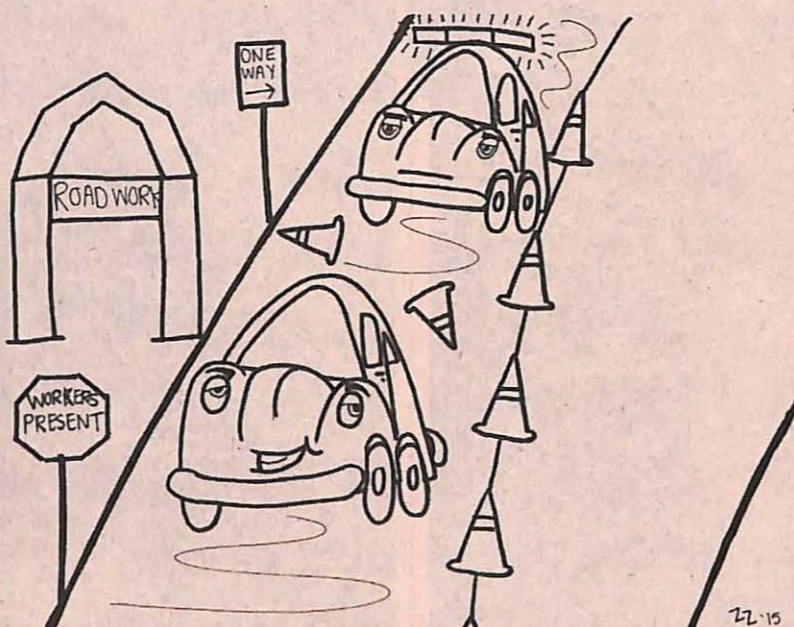


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Editor

Since beginning my first year, of course, it has not been easy, but at times I have literally laughed until I have cried and cried from hearing some of the awesome testimonies of the amazing people on this campus. So, yes, school isn't always just about books, teachers, and classes; it is mostly about becoming someone you never thought you would become and meeting people who are truly just like you! This year has brought many emotions, but in the end if one really summarizes their entire time here, it has been truly amazing! The wonderful staff that takes the time to help each student's life here be as stress free as possible is truly a blessing. Most students at some Universities never even become recognized for his or her extremely hard work and they really have a hard time adjusting to college. Here at East Central, each student is recognized, praised and loved as if we belong to one huge family!

So as this year winds down, let us become one instead of just 2,000 individuals. Let us take the time to help and love one another. There are so many people who are experiencing different emotions and it only takes one beautiful soul to change the life of so many! As said by Kevin Arnold, "A memory is a way of holding on to the things you love, the things you are, and the things you never want to lose." Let us hold on to that quote and help us to remember the times we've spent laughing and becoming someone better, rather than sobbing with no hope for the future, because we are all going to make it through!

—Madison Barnett  
Editor



BY MACKEN'Z SMITH, CARTOONIST



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## FROM DR. LEE'S DESK

### Set Graduation As Your Goal

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of the academic year! Many of you who have worked hard for two years will soon make that memorable walk on May 8, 2015, at ECCC's graduation. Congratulations!

Graduation should be your ultimate goal at ECCC. I encourage you to persist and earn that diploma! You need it in today's world. Transferability is seamless and the tuition cost is approximately one-third to one-fourth the tuition of public four-year institutions. If you have questions about this please come by Student Services and see an academic counselor. We are open 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday.

Advance Registration begins at 6 a.m. on April 7 for SUMMER COURSES and FALL 2015 COURSES. Make sure you settle your account in the business office and REGISTER THE FIRST DAY to get the classes you need to graduate! They will fill up quickly! The rest of the spring semester will fly by! Take advantage of all the various events and activities, but keep your grades and class attendance as top priorities.

So many events are scheduled, but I do want to highlight Spring Spree: April 20 - 24.

So get your Spring Spree teams together to compete and have fun!

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know. You can reach me at 601-635-6375 or e-mail [rllee@eccc.edu](mailto:rllee@eccc.edu). The student services offices are located in the Eddie M. Smith Student Union, second floor.

With You in Mind,  
Randall E. Lee, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Student Services



DR. LEE

## OTHER VIEWS

### Troops Deserve Respect

I would just like to take a moment to say that I am very appreciative of everything that any man or woman has done to serve our country. I recently watched the movie American Sniper, and watching this movie gave me a completely revitalized sense of gratitude for these men and women who serve our country. I realize that the

decisions these heroes make are not easy, and that they have lives and families too, but these men and women choose to spend their time fighting for our freedoms and rights that we have in this great nation. I think that as a nation America does not do enough for our troops and their families, nor do we do enough for the veterans. I have been driving through big cities many times and a seen a veteran homeless and hungry, and this cuts right to my heart. So I ask that if you ever have an opportunity to do anything for any of these people that so graciously sign away their freedom to defend ours you do it. I think that men and women who serve deserve our utmost



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## OTHER VIEWS

### Barber Hall Wifi Hinders Residents

I think I speak for all of us dorm residents, or most anyway, when I say "please." This is usually what I sound like when pleading with my assignment to go through and meet my deadline on Canvas.

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**ALLISON JOHNSON**  
Opinions Editor

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## OTHER VIEWS

# Born to Stand Out

Throughout high school, many people focus on blending in with the crowd. Not many people want to stand out. They want to feel accepted which usually means following the crowd. It's hard to fight the crowd, but sometimes you're not supposed to fit in. Everyone was made different.

Everyone is unique in his or her own way. According to dictionary.com, the word unique is defined as "existing as the only one or as the sole example; having no like or equal." Do you think God gave you brown hair on accident? Do you think God gave you a musical talent on accident? Do you think God made you intelligent on accident?

God had your life mapped out before you were even a thought in your parent's mind. You're born to be unique. There's a reason for that. If God made everyone the same, what would be the fun in that? We wouldn't have great painters like Michelangelo or Leonardo Da Vinci. We wouldn't have writers like J.K. Rowling or Dr. Seuss. God doesn't make mistakes. If you don't want to do something, stick to your guns! Stand up for yourself and say that you don't want to. If your friends don't respect that, you deserve better friends anyway. Stop trying to fit in! You're born to stand out!



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The Wi-Fi is very questionable in quality. Some days it works flawlessly. Other days it takes 30 minutes to submit one problem and find out it was incorrect all along (source: it happened to me).

I will say that the school and internet providers are very quick about fixing problems as they happen. And sometimes, it's our fault. We have too many devices sucking down bandwidth, and no one but ourselves can help that. However, even if we control our devices and connections better, I still feel as though the solutions we are getting when the Wi-Fi goes out are temporary solutions. Otherwise Barber Hall residents probably wouldn't hear "man on floor!" called out quite so much. As in at least once a week as someone tends to our Wi-Fi malfunctions.

This problem needs attention in a bigger picture sense of view, a glimpse into the future. What will more securely rid of issues preventing Wi-Fi from working? Students need trustworthy connection all the time. Schoolwork is essential to grades, and sometimes we cannot provide work because of the lack of Wi-Fi. We need Wi-Fi to keep up with messages from Remind 101. Wi-Fi lets us access notes and online tutoring. Basically, the Wi-Fi around here is dire for good grade point averages and activities.

Aside from the work needs, we also cannot access fun things like Netflix half the time. This is clearly not a priority, but study breaks are healthy. And it isn't fun to be six episodes deep into a show and then have to pause it indefinitely because your connection goes out.

Obviously, the big point here is that EC should look into the Wi-Fi connection for the current students' needs. If we aren't happy with our time here and instead we are frustrated, prospective students could catch wind. And plus, I just really want to marathon shows after not losing an hour of my life to submitting two things.

—Aaren Avera,  
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# Faculty Corner

## Howell Named Workforce Education Instructor of the Year

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East Central Community College recently selected Luke Howell of Union as the 2015 Workforce Education Instructor of the Year.

Howell said he decided to become a teacher after serving as a student minister.

"I began to realize the positive influence I could be to a student. I realized if I could learn a skill, teach the skill to someone else, and watch them succeed it was a great reward."

Howell joined ECCC as collision repair technology instructor in 2010.

He said his favorite part about being an educator is the students he comes in contact with every day.

"I enjoy getting to know my students and teaching them a trade they can use to be successful in life," Howell said.

He said he felt honored to receive such an award as Instructor of the Year.

"I take pride in my job as I believe most teachers do. I am thankful the teachers surrounding me think so highly of me."

Since he began his tenure at ECCC, Howell said he has been given many great opportunities.

"I have been to Kansas City, Missouri, for the national SkillsUSA competition, Tacoma, Washington, to an I-BEST conference and to Houston for a Pittsburg Paints & Glass paint certification class", he said.

"I have always enjoyed taking students to the SkillsUSA state competition. Students always seem to work at a higher level during the competition. I believe it helps a student realize their true potential. I also enjoy talking to former students who are employed in the collision repair field."

Howell knows personally what the competitions mean to his students because he competed when he was a student in the collision repair technology program at ECCC.

Howell was a first-place winner in collision repair technology during both years of competition in the Mississippi SkillsUSA Contest and finished as high as seventh in the national event.

A graduate of Newton County High School, Howell holds two degrees from ECCC: an Associate in Arts in music received in 2005 and an Associate in Applied Science in collision repair in 2007.

Howell credits one of his ECCC instructors for influencing his career.

"Mr. (Conrad) Germany taught me the skills that I needed to get my first job," Howell said. "He taught me you never stop learning your trade. Mr. Germany continues to advise me even though he has been retired for five

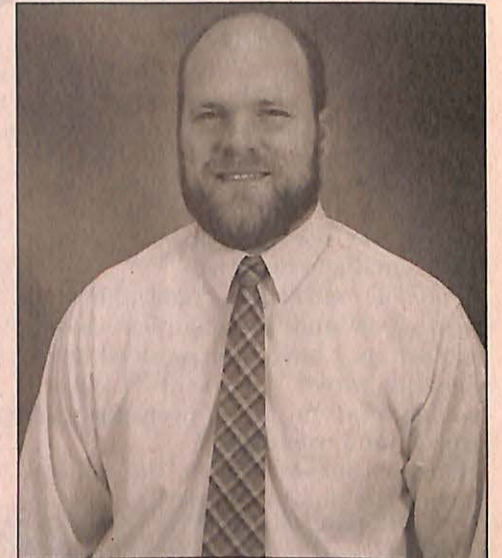
years."

While a student at ECCC, Howell was actively involved in the music program, participating in various groups including the Wall O' Sound Marching Band; the Ac'cents, the colleges show choir; and the Collegians, ECCC's rock 'n' roll band. In addition, he was a member of various musical productions.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Howell served two years as a collision repair technician at Marshall Ford in Union. He held the same position at Charlie Beddington Perfect Collision in Meridian in 2007-08.

Howell has served as music minister at Beulah Baptist Church since 2011.

In addition, he has been a member of the County Line Volunteer Fire Department since 2005. He is a former student minister at Noxapater Baptist Church and music minister at Linwood Baptist Church.



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Howell is married to the former Aubrie Cleveland of Union. They have two children, Jacob and Annley.

## ECCC Announces Annual HEADWAE Honorees

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Sophomore Lauren Cantey of Collinsville and chemistry instructor Amy Denson of Decatur were selected to represent East Central Community College at the 2014-15 Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) program held Feb. 17 in Jackson.

The annual HEADWAE observance was established by the Mississippi Legislature to honor the academically talented students and faculty members from each of the 36 public and private member institutions of the Mississippi Association of

Colleges.

Honorees were invited to the State Capitol where they were welcomed by Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves and recognized in each Legislative chamber.

A luncheon was held at the Jackson Marriott Hotel in downtown Jackson, during which each student and faculty honoree was recognized in front of their guests, institution leaders, corporate sponsors and legislators.

In addition to the public recognition, a booklet will be published featuring photos and biographical sketches of each honoree.

Cantey is a sophomore at

East Central, where she currently maintains a 4.0 grade point average. Her career goal is to attend medical school and work in pediatric emergency medicine.

A President's List scholar, she is a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, and serves as vice president for leadership.

Cantey is a 2013 honor graduate of West Lauderdale High School and is the daughter of Michael and Sherri Cantey of Collinsville.

Denson joined the ECCC science faculty in August 2013.

She was previously employed

by the Petal School District and served as an adjunct science instructor at Pearl River Community College.

At EC, Denson serves as co-sponsor of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, an organization for pre-medicine majors.

An honor graduate of Petal High School and Jones County Junior College, Denson received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Master of Science degree from Mississippi State University.

She is the daughter of Donald Denson and Nancy Thorne Denson of Petal.



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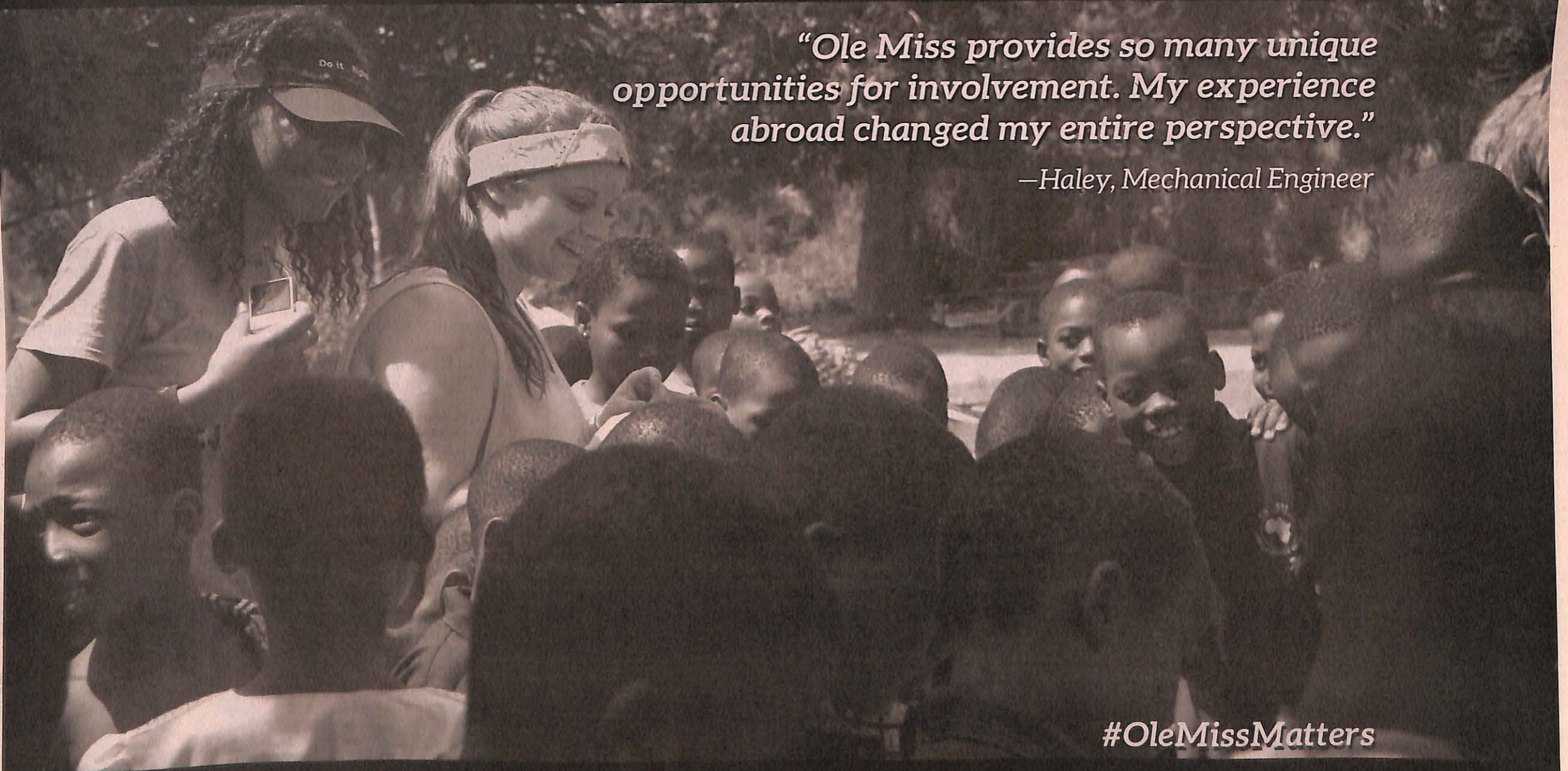
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# Faculty Corner

## Fowler named Academic Instructor of the Year

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Pam Fowler of Union was recently selected as Academic Instructor of the Year at East Central Community College, where she has been employed as an English instructor since 2007.

Upon her selection, Fowler said she felt excited and honored.

"This is without a doubt the most prestigious and personally-rewarding recognition I have ever received in my teaching career," she said. "I am extremely grateful to my peers for their support and friendship."

During her tenure at the college, Fowler has taught a variety of English

classes including Intermediate English, English Composition I and II and World Literature I and II.

"I enjoy my job every day," Fowler said. "I learn something every day. I find something to smile about every day. What more could I ask for?"

Fowler said she decided long ago that she wanted to be in the field of education.

"I was blessed with some very good teachers and role models that paved the way for my future," she said. "I really enjoy the relationships that coincide with teaching. Over the years, I have had several students touch my life in all avenues of teaching and learning.

These students are the ones who have taught me patience and understanding that I may never have learned otherwise."

Fowler said although her parents were major influences on her decision to become an educator, it is her co-workers and students who keep her motivated and positive in the continuance of her career.

Prior to joining the faculty of ECCC, Fowler was employed with the Neshoba Central School District, East Mississippi Community College, Union Separate School District and Lake High School. She has 21 years of teaching experience.

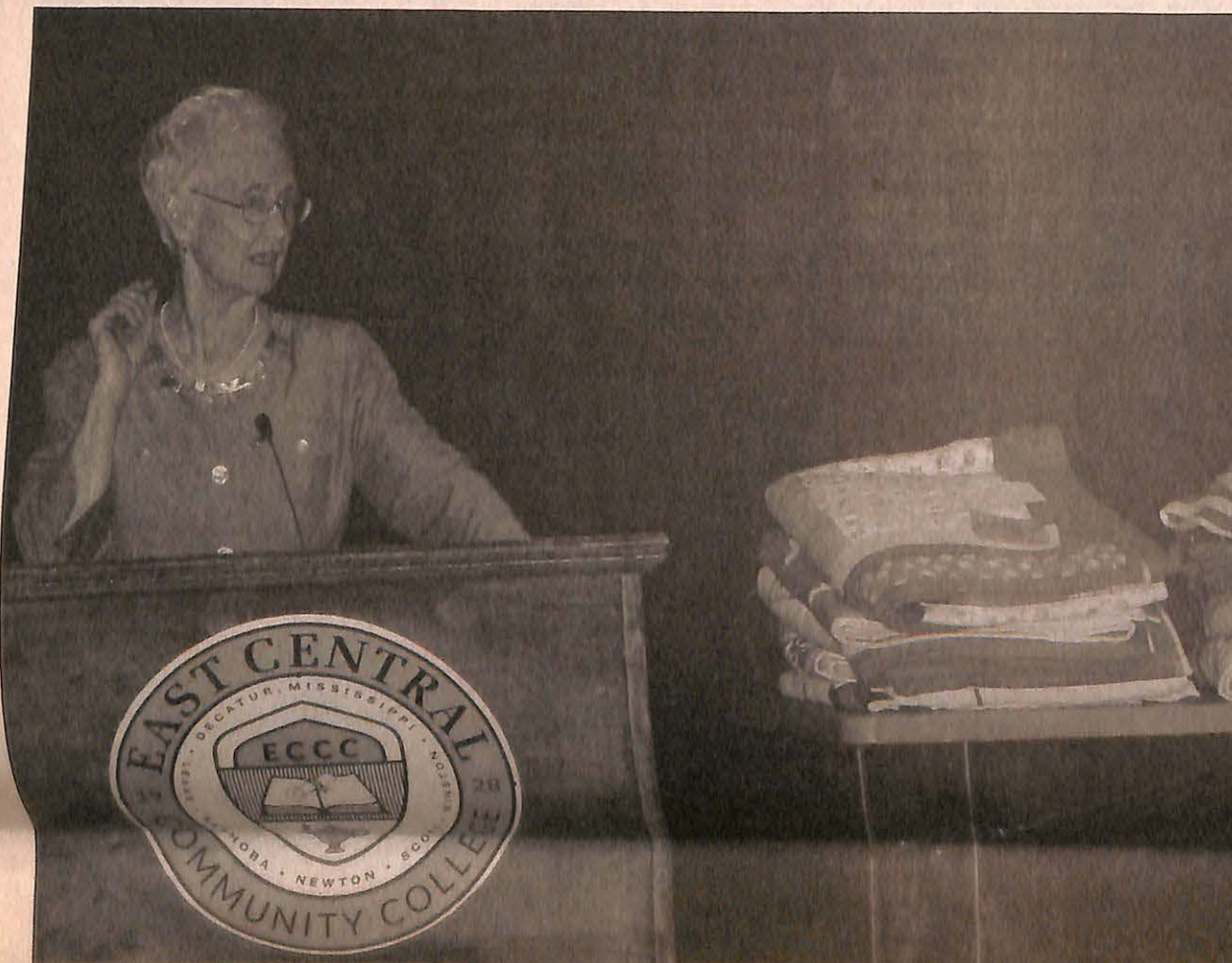
She is also a Mississippi Virtual Community College certified online instructor and has taught online English classes for the past 15 years.

Her honors at ECCC include receiving the Lamplighter Award in 2013 and the William Winter Scholar Award at the Natchez Literary Festival in 2012. In addition, she was selected to Who's Who Among Teachers in American Junior Colleges while a member of the EMCC faculty.

She holds an Associate of Arts degree from Meridian Community College, a Bachelor of Arts degree from Millsaps College, and a Master of Science degree from Mississippi State University.



FOWLER



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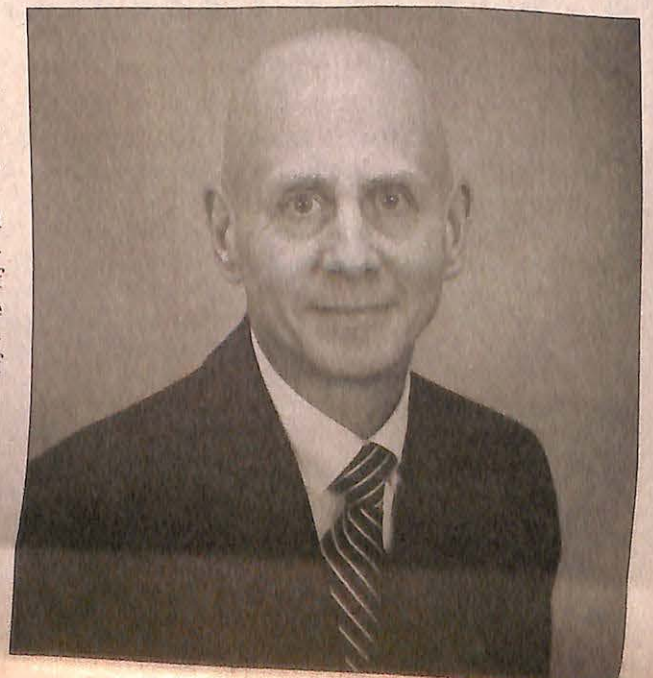
Bill Wagnon of Fort Smith, Ark., was recently selected Associate Vice President for Public Information at East Central Community College, announced ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart.

Prior to beginning his employment on March 2, 2015, Wagnon served as Director of Marketing and Communications for the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, where he was responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive annual marketing plan and supervised staff in the areas of marketing and communications, graphic design, social media, photography and web management.

"I am confident that Mr. Wagnon will serve ECCC and our communities well," Dr. Stewart said. "He is very familiar with the College's 2020 Vision and is committed to doing all he can to see our vision become a reality."

In total, Wagnon has 29 years experience in public relations/higher education including similar positions at the University of West Alabama, Birmingham-Southern College, Mississippi State University and the University of Alabama.

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It was sponsored in part by the Mississippi Humanities Council and is the next installment in the college's Cultural Arts Series.

The public was invited and there is no charge to attend.

Vickers has been a quilter throughout her adult life and has always had an interest in the history of quilts and quilters, having spoken numerous times on this topic. In recent years, she has expanded her interest to include vintage linens.

In 1984, Vickers and her mother were invited by the

Mississippi Department of Archives and History to represent the Mississippi quilters in the Mississippi Pavilion at the New Orleans World's Fair where they quilted and discussed quilting with Fair visitors.

In 1994, she was appointed Chairman of the Mississippi Heritage Quilt Project, which resulted in the documentation of more than 1,600 quilts made prior to 1945. The project resulted in the publication of three books: "Mississippi Quilts," "Threading the Generations," and "Martha Skelton Master Quilter." She co-authored "Threading the Generations" and wrote the introduction to "Mississippi Quilts." She is also the author of "The Llama's Pajamas," a book about quilts for children.

Vickers is a graduate of East

Central Community College and holds a master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. She taught 32 years in the public schools of Newton County and East Central Community College.

She and her husband, Ovid, are the parents of three grown children and reside in Decatur, where she continues to quilt and research the history of quilts and quilting.

The Cultural Arts series began as a way to bring performing artists and visual artists to the campus throughout the year for both EC students and the community, according to Vicki Blaylock, ECCC Fine Arts Department Chair.

For more information, contact Blaylock at 601-635-6225 or e-mail [vblaylock@eccc.edu](mailto:vblaylock@eccc.edu) or visit [www.eccc.edu/the-east-central-cultural-arts-series](http://www.eccc.edu/the-east-central-cultural-arts-series).

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**ECCC Gospel Choir Sponsor Honored:** Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson (center) of Lawrence, longtime sponsor of the East Central Community College Gospel Choir, received a surprised honor at the talented group's fall semester concert held Dec. 3, 2014, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium. ECCC Board of Trustees members Delane Hudson (front left) of Louisville and Jerry Smith (front right) of Philadelphia, who serves as board vice chairman, announced the establishment of the Brenda K. Johnson Gospel Choir Scholarship at ECCC. Details of the scholarship will be announced at a later date. Mrs. Johnson has led the Gospel Choir since 1988. Pictured in back are (from left) Dr. Randall Lee, vice president for student services, and ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart, who also provided remarks.

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## Skipper Selected for 'Golden Key'

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East Central Community College instructor and science department chairman Curt Skipper was recently selected to join Golden Key International Honor Society.

Induction into Golden Key is a coveted distinction that marks collegiate academic success and recognizes the top 15 percent of university students. Membership also provides unmatched access to personal education, career enhancement and unique service opportunities.

Golden Key's membership network consists of more than two million outstanding achievers from

more than 400 universities and colleges in numerous countries around the world. Members have access to personal and professional development opportunities, leadership training, more than \$1 million dollars in scholarships annually, as well as countless other benefits.

Skipper joined the ECCC faculty in 2006. Here received his associate's degree from East Mississippi Community College, bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and completed the master's degree at the University of West Alabama. He is currently working toward a doctorate in biology education through the Center for Science and Math Education at the University



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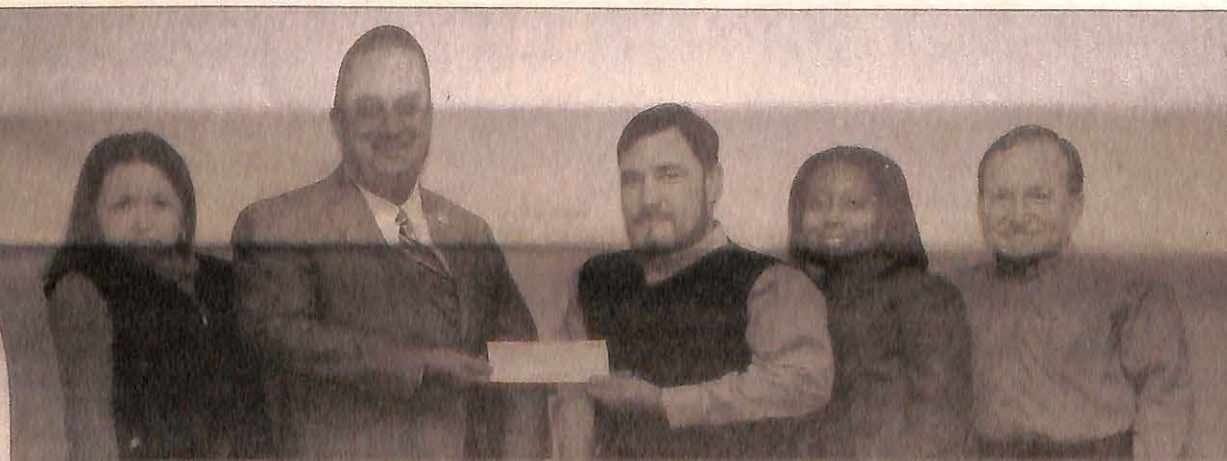


**Newton County Officials Visit ECCC:** Newton County officials were special luncheon guests during the Feb. 10, 2015, meeting of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. The special campus guests are shown with board members representing Newton County. Seated from left are Circuit Clerk Mike Butler; District Four Supervisor Bubba Bonds; District Two Supervisor Joe Alexander; District Five Supervisor Jimmy Johnson; District One Supervisor Kenneth Harris; District Three Supervisor Charles Moulds; Tax Assessor/Collector May Bender; Purchasing Agent Stephanie McMullan; and County Administrator Steve Seale. Standing from left are trustees J.O. Amis (Newton County Superintendent of Education) of Conehatta, Dr. Danny Lanier of Little Rock, Beverly Hart of Union, Pat Cleveland of Conehatta, and Rodney Bounds of Newton. Board Chairman Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth and ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart expressed appreciation to the county officials for their continuous support of the College.

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**ECCC Top Ten:** These ladies were selected for the Top 10 during the annual Beauty Pageant held Tuesday, Feb. 24, on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (from left) Madison Pettigrew of Forest, Shelly Dowell of Lena, Skylar Davidson of Morton, Kaitlin Sellers of Ellisville, Kaley Bufkin of Decatur, Most Beautiful Kelly Covert of Collinsville, Mikayla May of Chunky, Macken'z Smith of Philadelphia, Mackenzie Gannon of Decatur and Hannah Mitchell of Meridian.

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**Mississippi Power Donates to ECCC Utility Line Worker Program:** East Central Community College President Dr. Billy Stewart (second from left) is shown receiving a \$15,000 check from Tommy Jackson (third from left), district manager for Mississippi Power Company, to help establish a Utility Line Worker Technology Program on the Decatur campus. The new program, which is scheduled to begin at ECCC

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**Receive Top Honors in ECCC Math Competition:** These students received top honors in the annual East Central Community College District Junior High Mathematics Competition, held Friday, Feb. 20, 2015. Seated are (from left) seventh grade winners Austin Smith, first place, Lake; Tashi Bolton, third, Leake Central; and Trin'e Honeycutt, fourth, Philadelphia. Standing (from left) are eighth grade honorees Morgan Gray, first place, Philadelphia; Emily Keen, second, Leake Central; Breanna Beckwith, third, Lake; and Patrick Williams, fourth, Newton Academy. Not pictured is seventh grader Will Swinney, second place. First and second place finishers will advance to state competition scheduled April 11 in Pearl. ECCC mathematics instructor Michael Miles serves as event organizer. For more information, contact Miles at 601-635-6361 or e-mail [mmiles@eccc.edu](mailto:mmiles@eccc.edu).

## New Scholarships Established for East Central Community College Students

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Financial support will be available for East Central Community College students thanks to alumni and friends who have established various annual and endowed scholarships.

Among the most recent scholarships established are the Dr. Vernon Clyde & Vashti Muse Endowed Scholarship, Dr. Earl Laird Sr. Scholarship, Derek Pouncey Memorial Scholarship and Friendship Breakfast Club Scholarship, which were approved by the College's Board of Trustees at its February meeting.

Dr. Muse has devoted his life to education and has served as president of the Hinds Community College District since 1978.

He began his career at Canton High School as a science teacher and coach. He later served as a high school principal and then became assistant superintendent of education for the Starkville Municipal Separate School District. He also held positions as superintendent of education for both the Meridian Municipal Separate School District and Hinds County Public Schools.

He is a graduate of Sebasto-

pol High School, East Central Junior College, Delta State University and received master's and doctoral degrees from Mississippi State University.

The late Mrs. Muse also devoted her entire life to education, having served in the Starkville, Hinds County and Lauderdale County school systems prior to joining the Hinds Community College staff in 1980.

She taught full-time at Hinds from 1980 until her retirement in 2002. She devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy to the advancement of teaching developmental education and in 2006, the Mississippi Association for Developmental Education named its most prestigious award in her honor.

She received various local and national awards and in April 2010, the Mississippi Legislature presented a joint resolution recognizing Mrs. Muse for her tremendous impact on education in the state of Mississippi.

The Muse Scholarship will be awarded each year to a student who meets the following criteria: must be a full-time East Central Community College student pursuing an Educa-

tional Degree program of study (academic or career/technical field) at any location of the ECCC district; must maintain full-time status (enrolled in 15 or more hours per semester and successfully completing a minimum of 12 hours per semester); have a 2.5 or better high school and/or East Central Community College grade point average; and be free of any disciplinary problems.

No part of the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship award. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

The Dr. Earl L. Laird, Sr., Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Dr. Laird and his medical service to his fellow man. It will be used to assist those students entering the medical science fields.

Dr. Laird was a native of the Rock Branch Community of Newton County. He was a graduate of Union High School and received degrees from the University of Mississippi and Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

He returned to his home in Union and established Laird Hospital in 1938. He was certified in Family Practice, Ab-

dominal Surgery and General Surgery. He served 53 years in the medical profession.

He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict.

Dr. Laird received many honors from his community for his commitment to his profession and his hometown. He was honored with "Dr. Earl Laird Day" in 1975 and as Union's "Outstanding Citizen" in 1983.

He served as chairman of the board of Peoples Bank of Mississippi and was also a successful land owner and cattle farmer.

This two-semester scholarship will be awarded each year to a sophomore student who meets the following criteria: must be a full-time East Central Community College student pursuing a degree in the medical sciences (pre-med, pre-pharmacy, nursing); have graduated from a high school in Newton or Neshoba county; have a 3.5 or better grade point average; and have financial need.

The recipient will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

The Derek Pouncey Memorial Scholarship was established by friends and family of the former ECCC assistant football coach.

A native of Meridian and Lauderdale County, Pouncey was a graduate of West Lauderdale High School and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at Mississippi College. He received his master's degree in school leadership and administration from Mississippi State University.

During his career, he taught at Kate Griffin Junior High, Northwest Junior High, Meridian High School, Philadelphia, Kemper County and West Lauderdale junior and senior high.

He taught courses in speech and debate, theater and English language arts and was the recipient of numerous awards, including the prestigious Coca-Cola Educator of Distinction Award.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a returning ECCC sophomore. Recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee. To be eligible, recipients must: enroll as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester of his/her sophomore year; be an education major; reside in the five-county district served by the college; and have earned a minimum 3.0 grade point aver-

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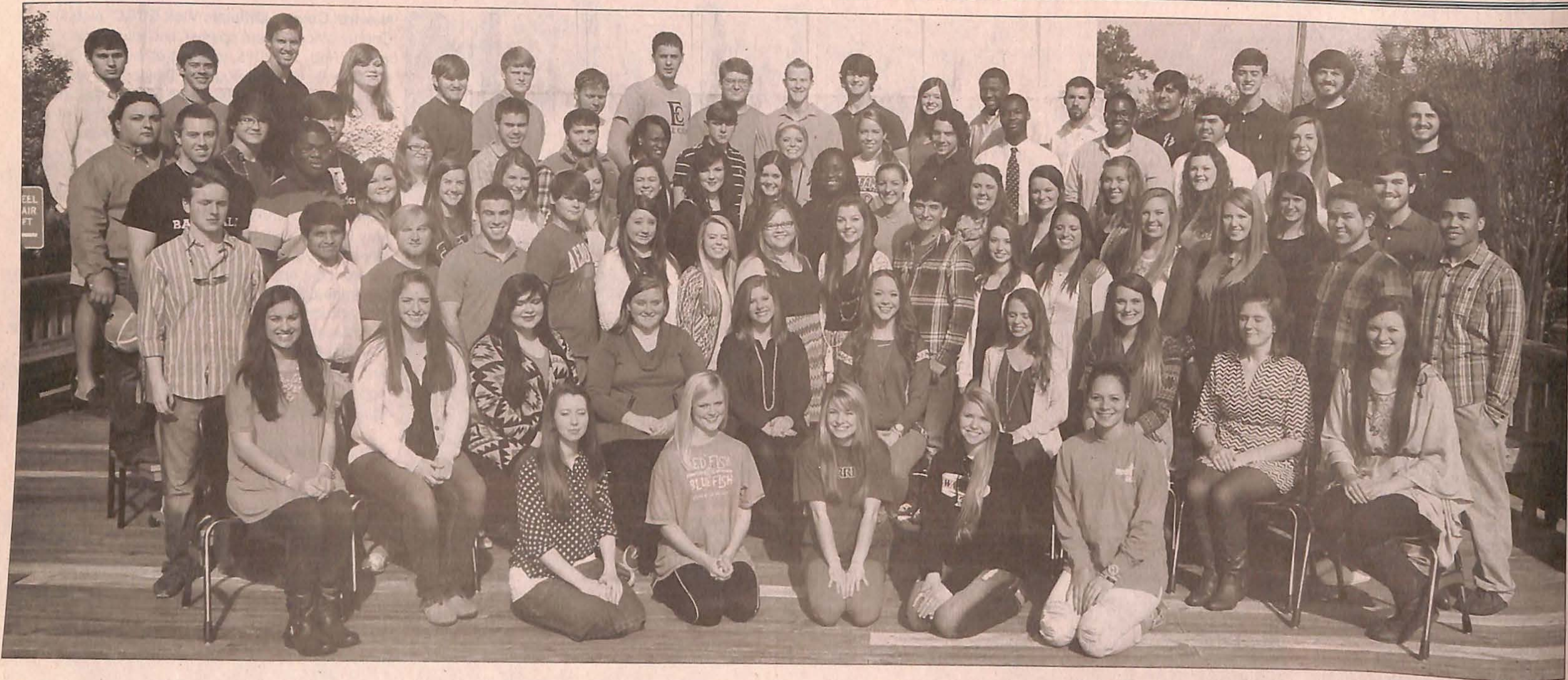
The Friendship Breakfast Club Scholarship was established in 2014 by members of the club.

Recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee. To be eligible, recipients must: enroll as a full-time student and remain full-time during the semester the recipient receives the scholarship; reside in Newton County; have financial need; have good academic standing; be free of any disciplinary problems; and display leadership qualities and good citizenship.

"The ECCC Foundation would like to thank our donors who continue to support the scholarship program," said Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations. "We also encourage others to establish scholarships and help meet the financial needs of students."

During 2014, the East Central Community College Foundation awarded approximately 126 scholarships valued at more than \$94,000.

For more information, contact Dr. Hollingsworth at 601-635-6327. Her e-mail address is [sholling@eccc.edu](mailto:sholling@eccc.edu)



**ECCC Students Selected for Who's Who:** These students at East Central Community College were recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges for 2014-15. Students were nominated by faculty and staff and are chosen based on academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular clubs and organizations. Honorees and their respective hometowns include (kneeling in front, from left) Rachel Laird, Meridian; Haleigh West and Mak Rowzee, both of Hickory; Danielle Gregory, Little Rock; and Nikki Triplett, Forest; (seated, from left) Lacye Harrison, Little Rock; Sarah Freeman, Decatur; Anna Girling, Carthage; Lorrie Moore, Lena; Jenny Grove, Forest; Cara Jackson, Nanih Waiya; Grayson Harrell, Morton; Jessica Moffett, Meridian; Aaren Avera, Hickory; and Alana Kron, Decatur; (third row, from left) Alex Bucklew, Louisville; Jordan Alonso, Chunky; Daniel Giles, Union; Colton Horne, Noxapater; Justin Moore, Thomastown; Jenna Lovorn and Samantha Morgan, both of Louisville; Bridgette McFarland, Philadelphia; Lauren Cantey, Collinsville; Chance Lovern, Philadelphia; Emily Cook, Carthage; Megan Robinson, Nanih Waiya; Mackenzie Gannon, Decatur; Hannah Mitchell, Meridian; DeeJay Rolison, Conehatta; and Kardarius McClendon, Brandon; (fourth row, from left) Kyle McCullough, Madison; Jeremy Hudson, DeKalb; Katherine Jacome-Cluff, Hickory; Katie Sanford, Decatur; Dakota Wright, Jana Warren, Leah Ferguson and Allison Johnson, all of Philadelphia; Erika Cockrell, Birmingham, AL; Tesia Keith, Corinth; Anna Katherine Nowell, Philadelphia; Kimberly Harrison, Forest; Haley Pierce, Noxapater; Katy Ezelle, Decatur; Kristen Gordy, Forest; Madelyn Peterson and Bryan Burton, both of Louisville; (fifth row, from left) Jage Doss, Enterprise; Ben Killen, Union; Hunter Thrower, Meridian; Faith Emmons, Lake; Chase McNair, Philadelphia; Warner Parkes, Nanih Waiya; Virginia Easley, Philadelphia; Tyler Runnels, Morton; Mallory Turner, Meridian; Karoline Holsonback, Kennedy, AL; Trent Haden, Sumrall; Christopher Brown and Dominck Fields, both of Forest; Alec Doggett, Carthage; Lauren Peterson, Forest; and Noah Corcoran, Louisville; and (top row, from left) Tyler Cook, Gulfport; Todd Hughes, Meridian; Chance Whitten, Batesville; Brittney Taylor, Lake; Regan Reiss, Forest; Charles Thorne, Decatur; John Davis, Carthage; William Howington and Delton Harrison, both of Little Rock; Dylan Little, Mobile, AL; Will Myers, Philadelphia; Brody Richardson, Louisville; Tyler Armistad, Caledonia; Tyler Faulkner, Carthage; Asif Zaffar, Azad Kashmir, Pakistan; Zach Allen, Louisville; and Jonathan Hodge, Lake.

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**Royce Shaw Honored for ECCC Board Service:** Royce Shaw (center) was honored at the March 17 East Central Community College Board of Trustees meeting for 14 years of service to the board. Shaw, who was the Scott County District 5 representative on the board, recently resigned after moving from Forest to Madison. Thanking Shaw for his dedicated service to the ECCC Board of Trustees are, from left, ECCC President Dr. Billy W. Stewart and ECCC Board Chairman Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake.



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**Tommy Harrison joins ECCC's Board of Trustees:** Tommy Harrison (center) of Forest has been appointed to a four-year term on the East Central Community College Board of Trustees, representing District 5 of Scott County. Shown with Harrison at his first board meeting March 17 are, from left, ECCC President Dr. Billy W. Stewart and ECCC Board Chairman Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake. Harrison previously served on the board from 1996-2001. He was selected by the Scott County Board of Supervisors to replace Royce Shaw, who resigned from the board after moving from Forest to Madison earlier this year.

## Nursing Scholarship Established at EC

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The Mississippi Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (M-OADN) and ASNEC Scholarship was recently established at East Central Community College. The new scholarship was established in January 2015 to honor the profession of

nursing, specifically the associate degree nurse.

M-OADN is a state organization primarily interested in working to retain the registered nurse title and the scope of practice for the associate degree nurse. ASNEC is the Association of Student Nurses at East Central Community College.

M-OADN and ASNEC work together to promote agency participation and professionalism of the associate degree nurse at East Central Community College.

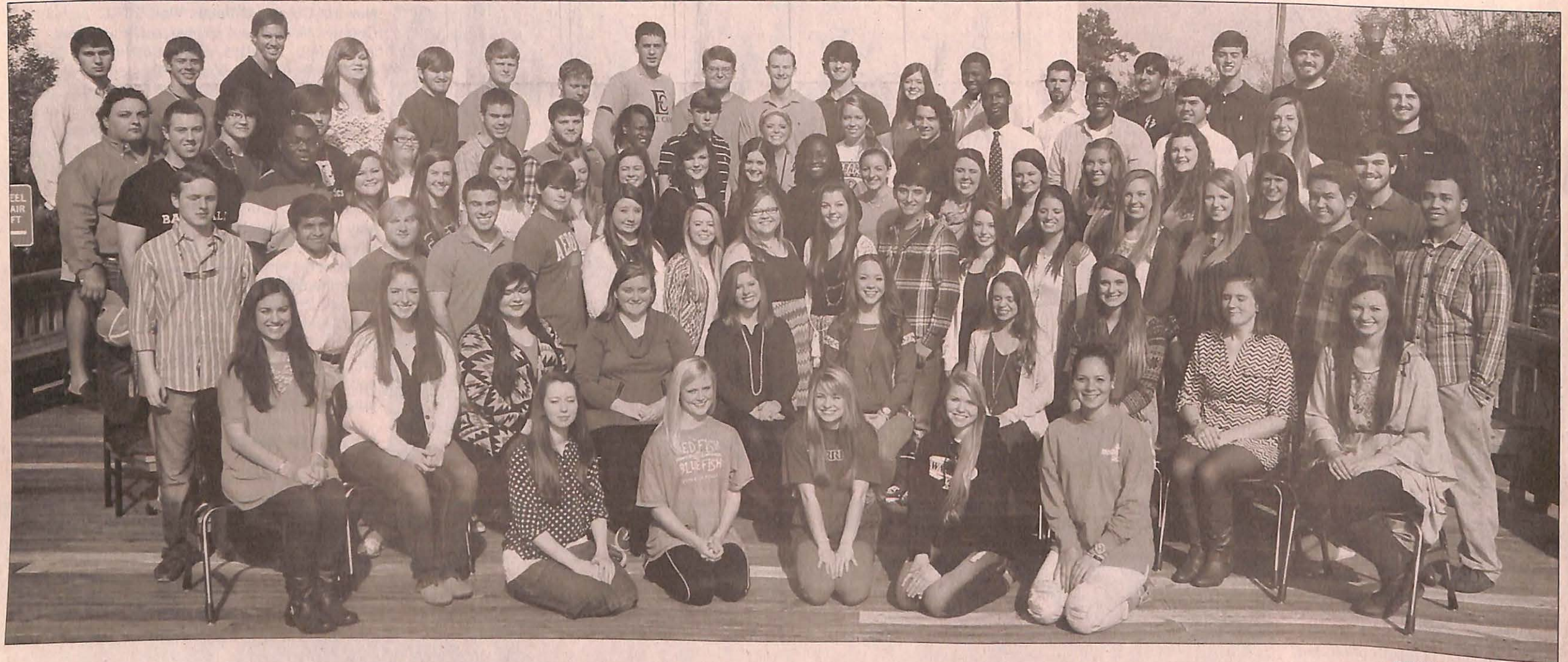
The scholarship will be awarded annually to the president of ASNEC.



**Receives BankPlus Scholarship:** Blain Rose of Hickory is the recipient of a BankPlus Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. A sophomore business major, Rose is a 2013 graduate of Newton County Academy.

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**ECCC Students Selected for Who's Who:** These students at East Central Community College were recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges for 2014-15. Students were nominated by faculty and staff and are chosen based on academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular clubs and organizations. Honorees and their respective hometowns include (kneeling in front, from left) Rachel Laird, Meridian; Haleigh West and Mak Rowzee, both of Hickory; Danielle Gregory, Little Rock; and Nikki Triplett, Forest; (seated, from left) Lacye Harrison, Little Rock; Sarah Freeman, Decatur; Anna Girling, Carthage; Lorrie Moore, Lena; Jenny Grove, Forest; Cara Jackson, Nanih Waiya; Grayson Harrell, Morton; Jessica Moffett, Meridian; Aaren Avera, Hickory; and Alana Kron, Decatur; (third row, from left) Alex Bucklew, Louisville; Jordan Alonso, Chunky; Daniel Giles, Union; Colton Horne, Noxapater; Justin Moore, Thomastown; Jenna Lovorn and Samantha Morgan, both of Louisville; Bridgette McFarland, Philadelphia; Lauren Cantey, Collinsville; Chance Lovorn, Philadelphia; Emily Cook, Carthage; Megan Robinson, Nanih Waiya; Mackenzie Gannon, Decatur; Hannah Mitchell, Meridian; DeeJay Rolison, Conehatta; and Kardarius McClendon, Brandon; (fourth row, from left) Kyle McCullough, Madison; Jeremy Hudson, DeKalb; Katherine Jacome-Cluff, Hickory; Katie Sanford, Decatur; Dakota Wright, Jana Warren, Leah Ferguson and Allison Johnson, all of Philadelphia; Erika Cockrell, Birmingham, AL; Tesia Keith, Corinth; Anna Katherine Nowell, Philadelphia; Kimberly Harrison, Forest; Haley Pierce, Noxapater; Katy Ezelle, Decatur; Kristen Gordy, Forest; Madelyn Peterson and Bryan Burton, both of Louisville; (fifth row, from left) Jage Doss, Enterprise; Ben Killen, Union; Hunter Thrower, Meridian; Faith Emmons, Lake; Chase McNair, Philadelphia; Warner Parkes, Nanih Waiya; Virginia Easley, Philadelphia; Tyler Runnels, Morton; Mallory Turner, Meridian; Karoline Holsonback, Kennedy, AL; Trent Haden, Sumrall; Christopher Brown and Dominck Fields, both of Forest; Alec Doggett, Carthage; Lauren Peterson, Forest; and Noah Corcoran, Louisville; and (top row, from left) Tyler Cook, Gulfport; Todd Hughes, Meridian; Chance Whitten, Batesville; Brittney Taylor, Lake; Regan Reiss, Forest; Charles Thorne, Decatur; John Davis, Carthage; William Howington and Delton Harrison, both of Little Rock; Dylan Little, Mobile, AL; Will Myers, Philadelphia; Brody Richardson, Louisville; Tyler Armistad, Caledonia; Tyler Faulkner, Carthage; Asif Zaffar, Azad Kashmir, Pakistan; Zach Allen, Louisville; and Jonathan Hodge, Lake.

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**Neshoba County Officials Visit ECCC:** Neshoba County officials were special luncheon guests during the March 17, 2015, meeting of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. The special campus guests are shown with Board members representing Neshoba County. Seated, from left, are Chancery Clerk Guy Nowell, District 5 Supervisor Obbie Riley, County Tax Assessor/Collector Mike Lewis, District 1 Supervisor Keith Lillis, Chief Financial Officer and Internal Auditor Rhonda Williamson, and ECCC Trustee and

# Armstrong, Boatner Represent EC at Natchez Literary Festival

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English instructor Jason Armstrong of Meridian and sophomore Jessie Boatner of Philadelphia represented East Central Community College at the 25th annual Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration.

The conference, which has been called by official evaluators "Mississippi's most significant annual conference devoted to literature, history, film and culture, was held Feb. 26-28, 2015, in Natchez.

This year's theme was "Bigger Than Life: Extraordinary Mississippians."

The celebration recognized outstanding faculty members and students representing the humanities division of Mississippi's community colleges, four-year colleges and universities. Each honoree is referred to as a William Winter Scholar, in honor of the former Mississippi governor, who has been the celebration's director of proceedings since it began in 1990.

The event has won numerous

awards for its outstanding programming, including a Cultural Olympiad Award, Best Event of the Year Award at the Governor's Conference on Tourism, Mississippi Tourism Award, Mississippi Historical Society's Award of Merit, Mississippi Humanities Council Humanities Achievement Award and 2011 Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts.

Prior to joining the East Central family in August 2009, Armstrong served as an adjunct professor of management at Mississippi State University in Meridian, as well as a Commercial Relationship Banker in Meridian, Tupelo and Jackson.

Armstrong is a 2010 graduate of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy, and he was chosen as the HEADWAE Outstanding Faculty Honoree in 2011. In addition to these honors, he has attended the Southeastern School of Commercial Lending at Vanderbilt University and the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

Armstrong graduated with a bachelor's degree from the College of Ag-

riculture (Poultry Science) at Mississippi State University in 1997, was awarded a Master's in Business Administration in 1998, and a Master of Arts in Teaching (Community College Education with English emphasis) in 2009.

The son of Meridian natives Charlotte and Richard Armstrong, a retired Colonel in the United States Marine Corps, Armstrong currently splits time between Meridian and New Orleans, where his girlfriend, Danielle, a former East Central student, is pursuing a master's degree in nursing and certification as a family nurse practitioner at Nicholls State University.

He has recently published articles in America's Civil War magazine as well as LEGENDS magazine, in which he interviewed East Central alumnus, Randy Houser.

Boatner is an English major and the daughter of Chris and Angela Boatner of Philadelphia.

She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges, was selected for



ARMSTRONG, BOATNER

Who's Who Among American Community/Junior College Students and the Phi Beta Lambda Hall of Fame. She is also the recipient of the Sara Carr Deaton Business Technology Award.



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**Bassett Receives ECCC's Thomas W. Carson Award:** L.P. Bassett (center) of Philadelphia is the recipient of the inaugural Thomas W. Carson Award at East Central Community College. This award was established to honor a retired band director who has served the East Central Community College district with distinction and honor. It is named in memory of longtime ECCC band director Thomas W. Carson who died in 2013 following a lengthy battle with esophageal cancer. To be eligible, recipients must be retired at least five years and have worked at least five years at a school in the ECCC district. Also pictured are Carson's widow, Brenda (left), who serves as the college's financial aid director, and current ECCC band director Hunter Cornern, who presented the award during the 37th annual ECCC District High School Band Clinic.



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**AT&T Scholarship Recipient at ECCC:** Mikayla May, a graduate of Newton County High School, is the 2014-2015 recipient of the AT&T Scholarship presented at East Central Community College. Approximately 126 students received ECCC Foundation scholarships valued at more than \$94,000.



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**ECCC Hosts 'Law Enforcement Appreciation Day':** Dr. Randall Lee, vice president for student services at East Central Community College, speaks to members of local law enforcement agencies on the Decatur campus for "Law Enforcement Appreciation Day" held recently in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Approximately 35 guests from local Emergency Management Authority offices, police departments, and sheriff's departments attended the luncheon, which was held to thank officials for their assistance, shared resources and expertise in ensuring the safety of ECCC students and employees. Also participating in the event were ECCC President Dr. Billy W. Stewart; James Miller, ECCC dean of students; and John Harris, ECCC chief of police.



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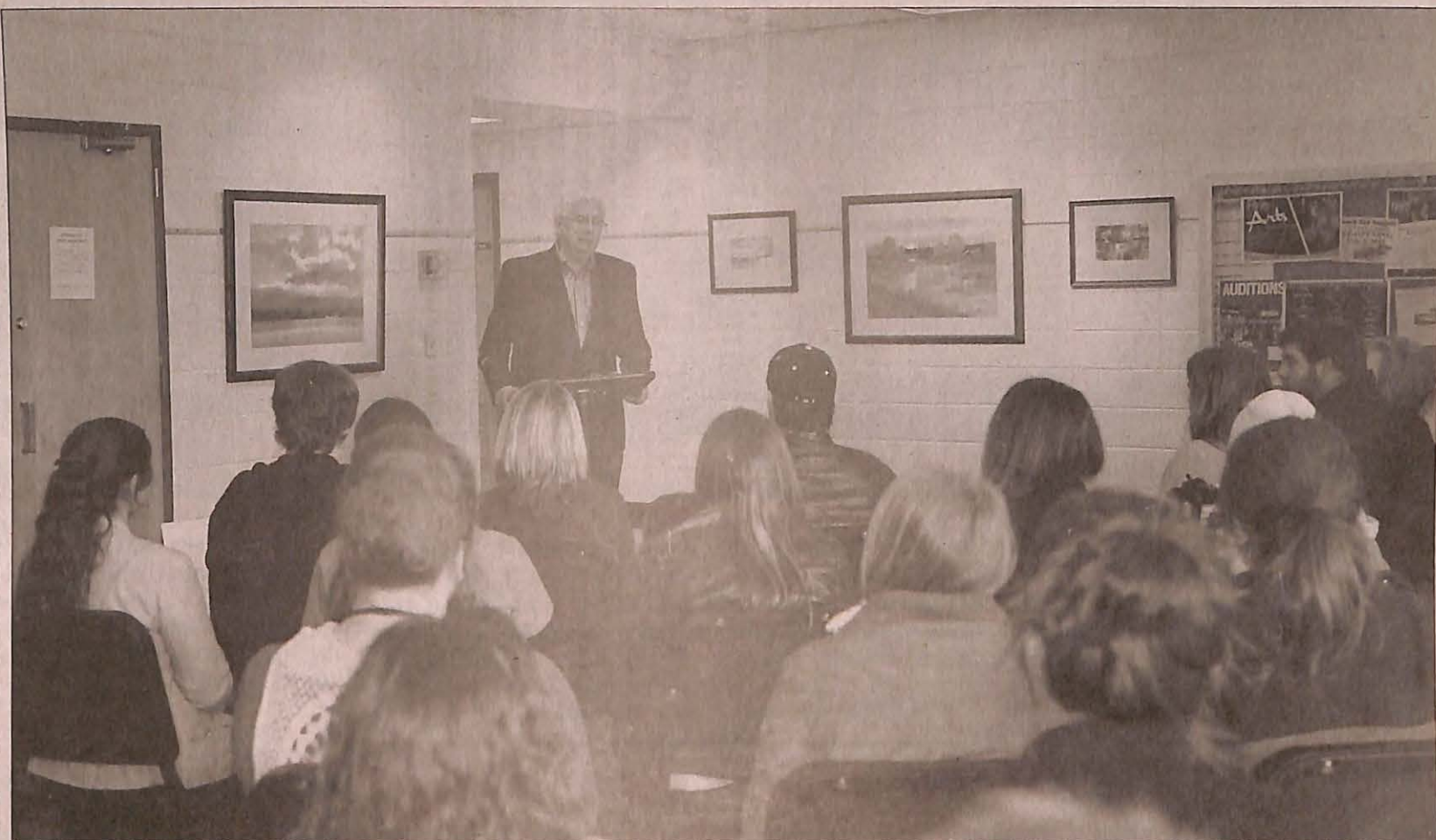
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**ECCC Students Receive CPR Training:** East Central Community College first aid instructor Scott Hill (far right) teaches CPR techniques to students (from left) Matt Sykes of Columbus, Tyler Armistad of Caledonia and Matt Ferguson of Lake. Not pictured is Donna Pace with Pioneer Hospital in Newton who also provided instruction in the American Heart Association training course and later tested students for CPR certification.



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**Walters Presents 'Gallery Talk' at ECCC:** Jackson native and Christian artist Gary Walters is shown presenting a "gallery talk" in the lobby of Vickers Fine Arts Center as part of the inaugural season of East Central Community College's Cultural Arts Series. A display of Walters' work will hang in the lobby of Vickers Fine Arts Center through Friday, March 6, and is available for public viewing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. During the past 45 years, Walters has had numerous one-man shows. He has also taught art for Mississippi College, Mississippi State University, Hinds Community College and Belhaven University and has presented many workshops on painting. Quail Ridge Press published Walter's book Gary Walters: Delta Dreamin' in October 2008. The Cultural Arts series began as a way to bring performing artists and visual artists to the campus throughout the year for both EC students and the community, according to Vicki Blaylock, ECCC fine arts department chair. For more information on the Series, contact Blaylock at 601-635-6225 or e-mail [vblaylock@eccc.edu](mailto:vblaylock@eccc.edu).

**ECCC Chocolate Sculpture Featured at Legislative Luncheon:**

The chocolate sculpture pictured at right, designed and crafted by East Central Community College culinary arts technology students, was prominently displayed during the annual MACJC Legislative Appreciation Luncheon held Jan. 27, 2015, in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church in Jackson.

According to instructor Barry Karrh, the sculpture "pays homage to Mississippi's symbols: the mocking bird, the Capitol and the Biloxi lighthouse: as well as our commodities that have built our industry: pine trees, catfish, shrimp and shell fish." Food for the luncheon was mostly prepared by students representing the state's community and junior colleges. ECCC culinary arts technology students prepared several appetizers for the special event.



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**Advanced Registration  
for Current ECCC Students  
Begins April 7**

# New Scholarships Established at EC

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Each year, alumni and friends of East Central Community College provide much-needed financial support for students in the five-county district through various annual and endowed scholarships.

Three new scholarships were recently approved by the college's Board of Trustees and include the Bobby Addy Memorial Scholarship, Future Leaders Scholarship and the Brenda K. Johnson Gospel Choir Scholarship.

Bobby Addy graduated from Newton County Agricultural High School where he was a four-year letterman in football. He was a businessman in Decatur for 25 years, where he also served as mayor for 12 years and was a member of the Board of Aldermen

for eight years. He helped organize Little League Baseball and the Jaycees in Decatur.

Addy served eight years in the National Guard and was a member of the Decatur Methodist Church, Decatur Lions Club and the Mississippi Turf Grass Association.

This scholarship was established in October 2014 from proceeds of the annual Bobby Addy Memorial Golf Tournament held at the Decatur Country Club.

The award will be presented annually to an incoming freshman who must be a resident of Newton County, have a 3.0 grade point average and enroll as a full-time student at East Central. Priority will also be given to graduates of high schools in Newton County.

Recipients will be selected by the

ECCC Scholarship Committee.

The Future Leaders Scholarship was established in October 2014 by Community Outreach Services of Leake County (COSOLC), a non-profit resource and cultural organization providing scholarships to minority and African American young ladies in need of assistance.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a full-time student selected by a five-member committee from the board of COSOLC.

Scholarship monies are awarded to assist recipients in completing their educational goals by providing resources to offset expenses associated with tuition, books and housing.

Brenda K. Johnson is a graduate of Newton High School and East Central Community College and has served

as director of the ECCC Gospel Choir since 1988.

The Brenda K. Johnson Gospel Choir Scholarship was established in December of 2014 by current and former members of the East Central Community College Gospel Choir in honor of their director.

This scholarship will be awarded annually to the president of the ECCC Gospel Choir who must: 1) be enrolled as a full-time academic or technical student; 2) maintain a 2.0 grade point average or higher each semester; 3) attend choir practice weekly; 4) conduct themselves in a professional manner; and 5) be active in choir activities on and off campus.

Once endowed, the amount of the scholarship will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus.

Contributions to help complete the endowment can be made payable to the ECCC Foundation.

"The ECCC Foundation would like to thank our donors who continue to support the scholarship program," said Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations. "We also encourage others to establish scholarships and help meet the financial needs of students."

During 2014, the East Central Community College Foundation awarded approximately 126 scholarships valued at more than \$94,000.

For more information, contact Dr. Hollingsworth at 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her e-mail address is [sholling@eccc.edu](mailto:sholling@eccc.edu).



**ECCC Alumni Board Making Plans for 2015 Events:** The East Central Community College Alumni Association Board recently held its spring semester meeting. Topics of discussion included the annual MS Community College Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, scheduled April 28, 2015, at the Muse Center on the Rankin County campus of Hinds Community College. Former basketball standout Marcus Mann of Carthage will represent ECCC in this year's prestigious group of former standout athletes and coaches. Plans are under way for the 14th Annual Warrior Golf Classic, set for June 25, 2015, at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club. Activities are also being planned for "Spring Alumni Day," a new event scheduled Saturday, April 11, 2015. Seated from left are ECCC staff members Misty Smith, 2014-15 faculty club president, and Dr. Teresa Houston, vice president for instruction; Dayna Morgan, Neshoba County representative; Jeanette Thrash of Decatur, Alumni Association president; Ann Burkes of Decatur, Newton County representative; and Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations. Standing from left are Pete Lucovich of Carthage, Leake County representative; Paul Chamblee, association secretary; Bruce Lee of Louisville, Winston County representative; Harvey Trapp of Decatur, Newton County representative; Dr. Bob Tom Johnson of Forest, association past president; Dr. Randall Lee, ECCC vice president for student services; ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart; and Jerald Everett of Clinton and Bart Gregory of Starkville both out-of-district representatives. Dr. Stewart also addressed the group and provided an update of college events and activities.

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Ladd Receives ECCC's Sue



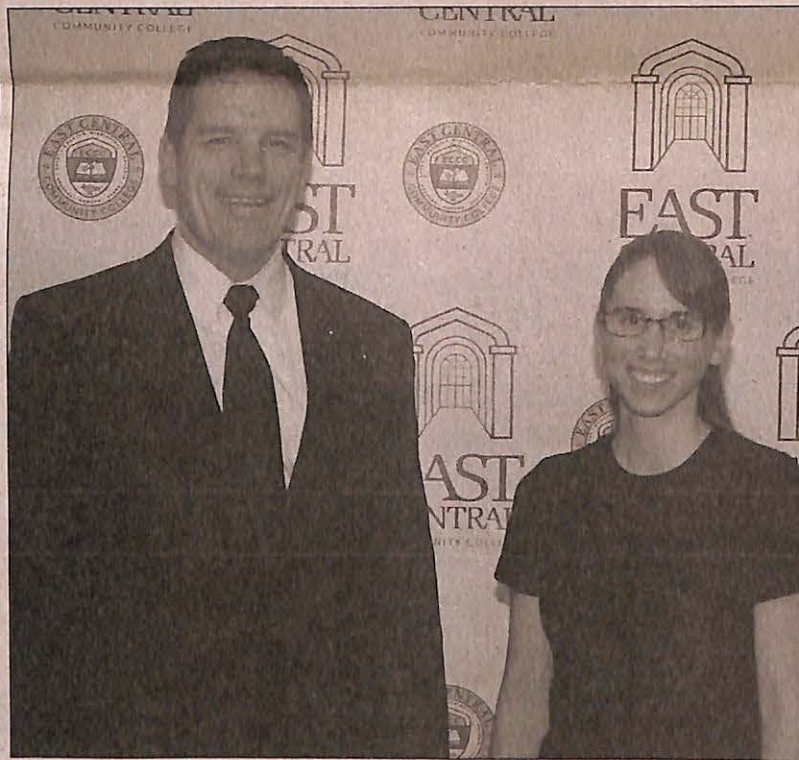
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**Ladd Receives ECCC's Sue Gunter Scholarship:** Karey Williams Ladd, a pre-nursing major from Union, is the recipient of the Sue Gunter Scholarship at East Central Community College. This two-year scholarship is awarded to an incoming freshman following high school graduation. The recipient must maintain a 'B' grade point average, demonstrate the necessity for financial assistance and must continue full-time study at ECCC. For more information, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations at 601-635-6327.



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**Tero Receives Non-Traditional Student Tuition Scholarship:** Rebecca Tero of Decatur is a recent recipient of the Non-Traditional Student Tuition Scholarship presented at East Central Community College. Tero, an major, received the honor from Dr. Randall Lee (left), vice president for student services. Tero is in the second semester of her freshman year after attending college at ECCC for the very first time. Non-traditional student tuition scholarships are provided to students age 23 or older who meet the scholarship guidelines. For more information, contact Dr. Lee in Student Services, 601-635-2111. The e-mail address is [rlee@eccc.edu](mailto:rlee@eccc.edu).

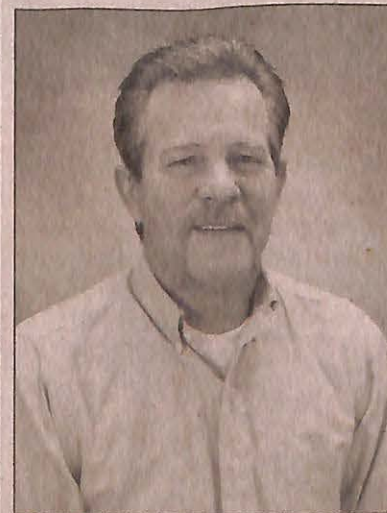


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**ECCC Students Participate in Legislative Appreciation Day:** Several East Central Community College students had an opportunity to visit with area legislators at the annual MACJC Legislative Appreciation Day held Jan. 27, 2015, in Jackson. Sophomores (starting second from left) Leah Ferguson of Neshoba Central, Warner Parkes of Nanih Waiya and Emily Cook of Leake Central are shown with Rep. Scott Bounds (far left) of Philadelphia and Rep. Randy Rushing of Decatur. Activities concluded with a luncheon at First Baptist Church of Jackson featuring food items mostly prepared by students representing the state's community and junior colleges. ECCC culinary arts technology students prepared several appetizers for the special event.

**New Chair Lift Installed at ECCC:** East Central Community College recently installed a new wheelchair lift in Newton Hall to better accommodate students and visitors with physical limitations. The new lift replaces an earlier model, which had been in use for the past 25 years. It has an increased weight capacity of 600 pounds, compared to the previous 350-pound capacity lift and also has safety arms to prevent the occupant from accidentally rolling off while in motion. The first to use the new equipment is sophomore Kenneth Gibson of Newton. Gibson said he was excited that ECCC has made the upgrade and feels much more secure while using the new lift.

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**Harrisons Receive ECCC Non-traditional Scholarships:** Michael and Rebecca Harrison of Union are recipients of Non-traditional Student Tuition Scholarships at East Central Community College. Michael is an education major and Rebecca is studying to become a social worker. This scholarship is available to any qualified Mississippi resident 23 years of age or older at the time of initial enrollment who enrolls full-time at East Central. It is available for three consecutive semesters following the first 12 semester hours earned as either a part-time or full-time student at the college. For more information, contact the Office of Student Services at 601-635-6205 or e-mail [rlee@eccc.edu](mailto:rlee@eccc.edu).



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**Denton Receives Adkins Scholarship at ECCC:** Katelyn Denton of Southaven is the recipient of the Dr. L.B. and Dixie Adkins Scholarship at East Central Community College. This scholarship was established by and named in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Adkins in 2012. He was an optometrist in Union for 58 years and she was a mathematics teacher at Union High School for 28 years.

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**ECCC Gospel Choir Performs:** East Central Community College's Gospel's Choir is shown prior to the talented group's fall semester concert held Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2014, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Pictured are (first row, from left) T'keya Backstrom and Keona Foster, both of Philadelphia; Andrea Riley, Walnut Grove; Chaiydreanna Leflore, Carthage; Tanzania McCalphi, Newton; and Terry Bolar, Newton; (second row, from left) Ke-Yanna Kidd, Newton; Brandon Davis, Decatur; Contessa Peebles and Paige Brown, both of Philadelphia; Tammie Triplett, Louisville; and Malcolm McBride, Morton; and (third row, from left) Christopher Kelley, Newton; A.J. Mapp, Decatur; Glenn Bender, Newton; Dekendrick Rushing, Walnut Grove; and sponsor Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson, Lawrence. Not pictured are Chesea Clay of Philadelphia, Chris Hickman of Louisville, Da'Quan Robinson of Decatur, Keron Evans of Hickory, and Alysia Johnson and Karimeka Britton, both of Carthage. Bill Flowers of Newton served as guest speaker. Flowers, an ECCC graduate serving as an assistant basketball coach for Newton Public Schools, spoke of "Making the Right Choices" Campus Life – Part III. The Rev. Marcus Mann, also an ECCC alumnus, served as master of ceremonies. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart also provided remarks. ECCC women's basketball coach Crandal Porter introduced Flowers, who is also a former ECCC basketball assistant. Gospel choir members who participated in the program included Andrea Riley, introduction of master of ceremonies; and Keona Foster of Philadelphia, who performed a mime dance.



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**ECCC Gospel Choir Program Speaker:** Bill Flowers of Newton served as guest speaker at the East Central Community College Gospel Choir's fall concert held Dec. 3, 2014, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Flowers, an ECCC alumnus, spoke on "Making the Right Choices" Campus Life – Part III. Flowers remarks focused on "seeking God as a college student." Flowers, who recently accepted the call to preach the gospel, is a member of St. John M.B. Church. He serves as an assistant basketball coach at Newton Public Schools. He is also a former basketball student assistant at ECCC. He was introduced by Lady Warrior head basketball coach Crandal Porter.



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**ECCC's 'Wizard of Oz' Cast:** Above are cast members for the East Central Community College EN-CORE production of "Wizard of Oz" held in March. Makenzie Rowzee (front row, second from left) of Hickory and Tallie Johnston (front row, fourth from left) of Lake shared the lead role of Dorothy. Pictured (front row, from left) Anna Girling of Carthage, Rowzee, Kirk Griffin of Decatur, Johnston, Tate Emare (front row, from left) Anna Girling of Carthage, Rowzee, Kirk Griffin of Decatur, Johnston, Tate Emare (second row, from left) Anna Girling of Carthage, Rowzee, Kirk Griffin of Decatur, Johnston, Tate Emare (second row, from left) Anna Girling of Carthage, Rowzee, Kirk Griffin of Decatur, Johnston, Tate Emare.



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**ECCC Gospel Choir Member Receives State Award:** [Name obscured] of [Location obscured], Gospel Choir member at East Central Community College, was selected to serve as vice president of the Baptist Student Union Gospel Choir at the organization's recently held state convention. Riley is a resident of Walnut Grove. Brenda K. Johnson of Lawrence serves as Gospel Choir sponsor.



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**ECCC Gospel Choir Leaders:** These students serve as Gospel Choir officers at East Central Community College. From left are Keona Foster, president, and Contessa Peebles, vice president, both of Philadelphia. Brenda K. Johnson of Lawrence serves as Gospel Choir sponsor.





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**EC Sophomore Winter Guard Members Recognized:** Sophomore members of the 2014-2015 East Central Community College Winter Guard were honored during "Sophomore Appreciation Night" held Feb. 16 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Pictured are (from left) Katie Sanford of Decatur; DeeJay Rolison of Conehatta; MaChasity Leflore and coordinator Kelsey Sikes, both of Carthage; Katherine Jacome-Cluff of Hickory; Katy Ezelle of Decatur; and Jazmine Evans of Newton. The honorees are shown following a special ceremony held during the home basketball finale with Pearl River Community College. Hunter Corhern serves as director of bands.



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**ECCC Collects Canned Goods for Carlisle Crisis Center:** Members of the East Central Community College Student Publications staffs donated canned goods to the Carlisle Crisis Center of Scott County in Forest. Staffers from the *Wo-He-Lo* yearbook and *The Tom-Tom* newspaper staffs donated more than 50 canned goods to the center. Pictured with some of the cans donated are *Tom-Tom* editor Madison Barnett of Noxapater and *Wo-He-Lo* editor Emily Cook of Carthage. Student Publications is sponsored by Gennie Taylor of Forest.



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**EC Sophomore Centralettes Honored:** Sophomore members of the 2014-2015 East Central Community College Centralettes were honored during "Sophomore Appreciation Night" held Feb. 16 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Pictured are (from left) Kelli Boulton and Mackenzie Gannon, both of Newton; Grayson Harrell of Morton; Cara Jackson and Jordan Lovorn, both of Louisville; Hannah Mitchell and Jessica Moffett, both of Meridian; Megan Robinson of Louisville; and captain Emily Cook of Carthage. The honorees are shown during a special ceremony held between games of the home basketball finale with Pearl River Community College. Tina Sanders serves as choreographer/coordinator. Hunter Corhern serves as director of bands.

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## EC ENCORE Presents 'Wizard of Oz'

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East Central Community College's ENCORE performers presented their spring musical selection, "Wizard of Oz," in March.

Natalie Emmons, who is serving her second year as "Encore" director, said, "In this charming film based on the popular L. Frank Baum stories, Dorothy and her dog, Toto, are caught in a tornado's path and somehow end up in the land of Oz.

"Here she meets some memorable friends and foes in her journey to meet the Wizard of Oz, who everyone says can help her return home and possibly grant her new friends their goals of a brain, heart and courage."

Makenzie Rowzee of Hickory and Tallie Johnston of Lake shared the lead role of Dorothy.

Additional cast members and their respective hometowns included Jonathan Hodge (Scarecrow), Rachel Clay (Glinda the Good Witch), Zachary Emmons (Mayor of Munchkin City) and Anthony Emmons (Coroner of Munchkin City), all of Lake; Kirk Griffin (Tin Man), Ste-

phen Stewart (Hunk the Human Scarecrow), Sam Mitchell (Hickory the Human Tin Man), Courtney Tillman (Aunt Em) and David Wilson (Professor Marvel), all of Decatur; Houston Martin (Lion), Edinburg; Dee Jay Rollison (Zeke the Human Lion), Conehatta; Matt Mason (Uncle Henry), Union; Bristol Buffington (Misses Gulch), Louisville; Haleigh West (Glinda the Good Witch), Hickory; Anna Girling (The Wicked Witch), Carthage; Katie Forteberry (Doorkeep of Emerald City), Raleigh; and Brad Taylor (Wizard of Oz), Stratton.

Playing the parts of Munchkins/Ozians were Kimberly Talbert, Courtney Hamilton and Cady Smith, all of Philadelphia; Kimberly Harrison, Kristen Gordy, and Lindsay Hedge, all of Forest; Madison Barnett of Noxapater; Danielle Gregory of Little Rock; Hannah Mitchell of Meridian; Courtney Williams of Hickory; Rebecca Tero and Mackenzie Gannon, both of Decatur; and Katie Bradley of Conehatta.

The Flying Monkeys were played by Hannah Mitchell of

Meridian; Faith Emmons and Tyler Richardson, both of Lake; and Sara Thorne of Noxapater.

Casted as Guards were Courtney Tillman, David Wilson, Stephen Stewart, Sam Mitchell, Alana Kron and Sarah Freeman, all of Decatur; Matt Mason, Union; and Greyson Dye, Carthage.

Playing the part of the Trees were Kaishanna Young of Philadelphia and Mary Levine of Louisville.

Poppies were played by Courtney Hamilton and Cady Smith, both of Philadelphia; Hannah Mitchell of Meridian, Katie Bradley of Conehatta, Mackenzie Gannon of Decatur, Danielle Gregory of Little Rock, Lindsay Hedge of Forest and Courtney Williams of Hickory.

Area youngsters playing roles included Tate Emmons of Lake as Toto, Jamey Savell of Conehatta, Lilly Gibson of Lake and Emma Vaughn of Decatur, all members of the Lullaby League; and John Davis Gibson and Griffin Boles, both of Lake, and Chas Michael Evans of Decatur, all members of the Lollipop Guild.



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**ECCC Students Selected for All-State Band:** These members of the East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Band were recently selected to participate in the 2015 Mississippi Community/Junior College All-State Band Clinic, which was held February 5-7 at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. Approximately 60 students from around the state participated in the annual event. Honorees and their respective instruments and high schools are (front row, from left) Anna Girling, mallets, of Leake Central; Louise Berryhill, flute, Nina LaBue, trumpet, and Duster Allgood, clarinet, all of Newton County; (second row, from left) Jacolby Jenkins, percussion, and Zach Peden, alto sax, both of Neshoba Central; Danielle Horne, flute, of Union; Austin Anderton, trombone, of Leake Central; and Kayla Suduth, euphonium, of Morton; and (back row, from left) Brittney Taylor, clarinet, of Lake; Taylor Cornelison, horn, Caleb Franklin, percussion, and Evan Derrick, trombone, all of Morton; and Josh Finley, trombone, of Newton County. Hunter Corhern serves as director of bands and Ed Girling is assistant director.

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# Warrior Athletics



**ECCC Lady Warrior Softball Team:** Pictured are members of the East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team for the 2015 campaign. Shown are (first row, from left) infielder/pitcher Mahalia Gibson, Oak Grove High School; pitcher Hannah Hassel, a product of Lamar County High School in Vernon, Ala.; utility player Caitlyn Aldous, Petal; outfielder Summer Lavender, Canton Academy; infielder Cayla Myers, Magee; pitcher Lacey Hill, a product of Kilbourne High School in Kilbourne, La.; infielder Mallory Lee, Quitman; and utility player Mallory Turner, West Lauderdale; (second row, from left) infielders Rachel Davis, Petal, and Andi Hannaford, a product of Magnolia Heights School in Senatobia; outfielder Christen Benson, Brookhaven; utility players Anna Katherine Nowell, Leake Academy, and Katlyn Duke, Neshoba Central; pitcher Chloe Thaggard, Leake Academy; and infielders Karoline Holsonback, a product of South Lamar High School in Kennedy, Ala., and Maegen Ellis, Oak Hill Academy in West Point; and (back row, from left) assistant coach Courtney Nunn, managers Abigail McCool, Winston Academy, Justin Moore and John Davis, both of Leake Academy, and Skylar Simmons, Bob Jones High School in Madison, Ala., and head coach Kristin Chaney.

**SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM**

## EC's Hill Selected NJCAA 'Pitcher of the Week'

**SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM**

East Central Community College softball player Lacey Hill was selected National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II "Pitcher of the Week" for Feb. 16-22, 2015.

Hill, a freshman and product of Kilbourne High School in Kilbourne, La., went the distance in the circle during games against Alabama Southern Community College and Marion Military Institute.

She pitched five innings against the ASCC Lady Ea-

gles on Feb. 17, to pick up the win. She allowed just one hit, fanned four batters and walked three.

Against Marion Military on Feb. 20, Hill allowed one earned run on two hits in nine innings of work. She struck out seven and walked four.

She completed the week with a record of 5-1 and a 2.62 ERA.

She was earlier selected Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) 'Pitcher of the Week.'



**HILL**



**SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM**

**EC Sophomore Warriors Honored:** East Central Community College head men's basketball coach Robert Thompson (far left) honored sophomore members of his 2014-15 squad during "Sophomore Appreciation Night" held Feb. 16 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Pictured are (from left) Thompson, student assistant Racine Talla, a product of Oak Dale Christian Academy in Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Monte Bowie of Morton. Kristian Clark of St. Martin, Quinton Campbell, a product Mary G. Montgomery in Mobile, Ala.; Ramone Tate of St. Stanislaus, Demond Morgan of Morton, Keon McKinney of West Point and DeMarcus Jones of Jackson Terry. The honorees are shown during the special ceremony held between games of the home finale with Pearl River Community College. Not pictured is assistant coach Devarus Walker.

## Joiner Makes All-Tourney Team

**SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM**

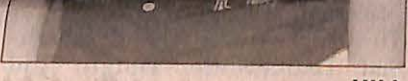
East Central Community College freshman golfer Andrew Joiner of Spanish Fort (Ala.) High School was named to the

a score of 595 (299-296), followed by Co-Lin, 603 (309, 294); Meridian, 619 (306, 313); East Central, 623 (314, 309); Northwest, 633 (329, 304); East Mississippi, 634 (316, 318); Hyde



Military Institute. She pitched five innings against the ASCC Lady Ea-

Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) 'Pitcher of the Week.'



HILL



**ECCC's Pace Signs With UWA:** East Central Community College Warrior defensive lineman Tyler Pace (seated, center) of Newton signs a letter of intent to continue his football career at the University of West Alabama. Pace, a 6-2, 276-pound former Newton High School standout, accumulated 18 solo stops, 13 assists and led the Warriors with five quarterback sacks this season. He is shown with his mother Alysia Pace (seated, left) and grandmother Gladis Pace. Also pictured are (back row, from left) assistant football coach Mickey Mays and head football coach Ken Karcher.

Robert Thompson (far left) honored sophomore members of his 2014-15 squad during "Sophomore Appreciation Night" held Feb. 16 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Pictured are (from left) Thompson, student assistant Racine Talla, a product of Oak Dale Christian Academy in Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Monte Bowie of Morton, Kristian Clark of St. Martin, Quinton Campbell, a product Mary G. Montgomery in Mobile, Ala.; Ramone Tate of St. Stanislaus, Demond Morgan of Morton, Keon McKinney of West Point and DeMarcus Jones of Jackson Terry. The honorees are shown during the special ceremony held between games of the home finale with Pearl River Community College. Not pictured is assistant coach Devarus Walker.

## Joiner Makes All-Tourney Team

SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM

East Central Community College freshman golfer Andrew Joiner of Spanish Fort (Ala.) High School was named to the All-Tournament Team following MACJC Conference play February 28 and March 1. Saturday's competition was held at Eagle Ridge Golf Course in Raymond and Sunday's event was hosted by Wolf Hollow Golf Course in Wesson.

Joiner carded rounds of 73 and 75 for a 148 total. Grant Motter of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College was tournament medalist with score of 143 (72-71).

Mississippi Gulf Coast captured tournament honors with

a score of 595 (299-296), followed by Co-Lin, 603 (309, 294); Meridian, 619 (306, 313); East Central, 623 (314, 309); Northwest, 633 (329, 304); East Mississippi, 634 (316, 318); Hinds, 641 (323, 318); Northeast, 650 (323, 327); Itawamba, 671 (340, 331); and Jones County, 702 (361, 341).

Other EC golfers and their respective scores include Zack Hammons of Raleigh, 154 (78, 76); Tristan Hernandez of Leake Academy, 159 (83, 75); Nathan Nance of Newton County, 162 (80, 82); Graham Winstead of Neshoba Central, 166 (87, 79); and Blake Miller of Ocean Springs, 169 (84, 85).

Chris Clark serves as EC golf coach.



JOINER

# ECCC Warrior Golfers Begin Season Competition

SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM

East Central Community College's golf team began the 2015 campaign by participating in the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Invitational held Feb. 8-9 at Grand Bear Golf Club in Saucier and Pine Burr Country Club in Wiggins.

The Warrior linksters posted rounds of 321 and 310 for a 631 total in the 36-hole event, won by the host Bulldogs who carded scores of 293 and 294 for a 587 total.

Other participating teams included Copiah-Lincoln Community College, 606 (297, 309); Meridian Community College, 610 (313, 297); East Mississippi Communi-

ty College, 624 (321, 303); Hinds Community College, 627 (320, 307); Northeast Mississippi Community College, 629 (315, 314); Northwest Mississippi Community College, 634 (321, 313); Itawamba Community College, 664 (336, 328); and Jones County Junior College, 704 (359, 345).

Leading East Central were An-

drew Joiner, who had rounds of 79 and 76, and Zack Hammons, who scored rounds of 78 and 77, both with 155 totals. Joiner is a product of Spanish Fort High School in Spanish Fort, Ala., and Hammons is a graduate of Raleigh High School.

Other scorers included Tristan Hernandez, a product of Leake

Academy, 160 (81-79); Nathan Nance of Newton County, 164 (84, 78); Wes Brown of Leake Academy, 164 (84, 80); and Karlton Ginn, a product of Franklinton High School in Franklinton, La., 165 (83, 82).

Chris Clark serves as Warrior golf coach.

**Graduation: May 8 ~ 6 p.m.**  
**Neshoba County Coliseum**

# Warrior Athletics

## Diamond Warriors Pick Up Wins



SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM

**Anderson, Whitlock Throw Out First Pitches at ECCC:** Former East Central Community College shortstop Tim Anderson (right), the 17th overall pick by the Chicago White Sox in the 2013 Major League baseball draft, and Roger Whitlock (left), retired ECCC Dean of Workforce Development and Education, are shown throwing out the first pitches during the Diamond Warriors home opener against St. Louis Community College February 13. The Warriors fell 10-6 in game one before rallying to defeat the visiting Archers 12-2 in the nightcap. East Central's baseball program is led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistant Jake Rowell.

## SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM

**EC BASEBALL SWEEPS PRCC**

East Central Community College's baseball team swept Pearl River Community College in doubleheader action March 17, in Poplarville.

In game one, outfielder Kyle McCullouch of Madison Ridgeland Academy had three extra-base hits to lead the Warrior offense in a 10-6 victory over the Wildcats.

The game was tied 4-4 in the top of the seventh with one out when McCullouch homered and led off Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, Ala. McCullouch also had two doubles and tallied three RBIs in the win. Little had two singles.

Other hitters were Dylan Snypes of Wayne County and Ben Cooley of South Jones, each with a double; and Cody Daigle of Parkview Baptist in Addis, La., Michael Davis of Clinton, Chance Whitten of South Panola and Jacob Huff of Brandon, singles each.

Also collecting RBIs were Huff (2), Whitten and Cooley.

Scoring runs were McCullouch (3), Little (2), Davis, Huff, Snypes, Cooley and Will Kennedy of Union.

Channing Wall, a right-handed pitcher from Louisville, got the win for East Central. He al-

lowed one earned run on five hits in two and a third innings of work. Fazende is a product of Pearl River Central High School.

**DIAMOND WARRIORS SPLIT WEEKEND CONTESTS**

East Central Community College's baseball team picked up two out of four wins during contests held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27-28.

During Friday's match-ups held at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex on the Decatur campus, ECCC fell 9-0 against Southeast Iowa Community College for a 3-3 victory against Itawamba Community College in the nightcap.

East Central managed just three hits in the loss to Southeast Iowa. Cody Daigle of Parkview Baptist in Addis, La., Kyle McCullouch of Madison Ridgeland Academy and Todd Hughes of Clarkdale each had a single.

Matt Mitchell of Nanih Waiya took the loss for the Warriors. He allowed five runs on one hit in one and a third innings. He struck out four and walked one.

The Warriors jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning and held off a late rally from Itawamba to pick up the win in game two.

Daigle homered and doubled to lead the Warrior offense.



SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM

**ECCC Diamond Warriors:** Members of 2015 East Central Community College's baseball squad. Their respective high schools are (first row, from left) pitcher (6) Zach Mowdy, Union; outfielder (38) Johntrill Pickens, Philadelphia; shortstop/second baseman (8) Hunter Thrower, Southeast Lauderdale; pitcher (2) Channing Wall, Louisville; pitcher (20) Mason Wooldridge, West Lauderdale; catcher (14) Todd Hughes, Clarkdale; outfielder (17) Jacob Huff, Brandon; catcher/pitcher (12) Lane Fazende, Pearl River Central; outfielder (5) Reagan Warren, Newton County; outfielder (1) Ben Cooley, South Jones; and catcher (34) Michael Davis, Clinton; (second row, from left) head coach Neal Holliman, manager Christopher Yarbrough of Florence, infielder (7) Dylan Snypes, Wayne County; pitcher/outfielder (19) Matthew Mitchell, Lake; pitcher (36) Peyton Cain, Newton County; infielder/catcher (18) William Kennedy, Union; infielder (10) Dylan Little, Mary G. Montgomery (Semmes, Ala.); pitcher (42) Peyton Lott, Seminary; managers Titus Benson of Grenada and Brandon Lewis of South Jones; and assistant coach Jake Rowell; and (back row, from left) outfielder (4) T.J. Lockett, Bibb County (Brent, Ala.); pitcher (15) Jonathan Simpson, Monroe Academy (Frisco City, Ala.); pitcher/third baseman (28) Taylor Creighton, Quitman; pitcher (22) Colby Eaves, Nanih Waiya; outfielder/first baseman (33) Chance Whitten, South Panola; pitcher (32) Peyton Owen, Stone County; pitcher (23) Joshua Carpenter, Winona; outfielder (11) Kyle McCullouch, Madison Ridgeland Academy; pitcher/outfielder (13) Will Myers, Leake Academy; third baseman/first baseman (25) Cody Daigle, Parkview Baptist (Addison, La.); and catcher/infielder (35) Billy Cameron, Mendenhall.

Niceville, Fla.,

Reagan Warren of Newton County was the offensive leader for the Warriors as he went 3-4 and scored two runs against Gordon.

Additional hitters were Daigle, home run; Little and Dylan Snypes of Wayne County, single. Daigle had two RBIs and Little had one.

Colby Eaves of Nanih Waiya picked up the win for ECCC, allowing one earned run on five hits. He fanned two batters and walked five.

The Warriors could only muster four hits in the loss to Northwest Florida.

Warren, Little, Cooley and Hunter Thrower of Southeast Lauderdale each had a single.

Will Myers took the loss for the Warriors. He allowed three earned runs on four hits in five and a third innings. He fanned three batters and walked three. Myers is a product of Leake Academy.

**ECCC GRABS TWO WINS IN**

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of Madison Ridgeland Academy, double; and Dylan Little, a product of Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, Ala., Cody Daigle of Parkview Baptist in Addis, La., Michael Davis of Clinton, and Dylan Snypes of Wayne County, each with a single.

and Davis registered one.

Scoring runs were Cooley (2), Hunter Thrower (2) of Southeast Lauderdale, Daigle and McCullouch.

Starter Colby Eaves of Nanih Waiya got the win. The right-hander allowed no earned runs on four hits through six innings. He fanned two batters and walked two.

East Central took an early 1-0 lead in the first inning and scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth to claim the victory in game two.

Little was the offensive leader scoring one run on two hits, including a double and a single. He also had two RBIs.

Additional hitters were Cooley and Thrower, each with two

ing contests held Friday, Feb. 13, at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex, the Warriors fell 10-6 to St. Louis in game one before rallying to defeat the visiting Archers 12-2 in the nightcap.

In game one, third baseman Cody Daigle had two doubles and a single to lead the Warrior offense.

Other hitters included Reagan Warren of Newton County and Dylan Snypes of Wayne County, each with a double and a single; Ben Cooley, a product of South Jones, double; and Dylan Little, a product of Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, Ala., Kyle McCulloch of Madison Ridgeland Academy, Michael Davis of Clinton and Chance Whitten of South Panola, each with a single.

RBIs were collected by Davis (3), Cooley, Little and Daigle.

Runs were scored by Daigle (2), Cooley, Little, Warren and Snypes.

Starter Matthew Mitchell of Lake took the loss. The left-

Snypes.

Right-handed pitcher Colby Eaves got the win. He allowed two earned runs on three hits through three innings. He struck out three batters and walked three. Eaves is a product of Nanih Waiya High School.

During Saturday's doubleheader again Northeast in Booneville, East Central rallied for eight runs in the seventh inning to claim a 10-4 win in game two after falling 8-0 in the opener to the host Tigers.

In game one, Thrower went 3-3 with a double and two singles to lead ECCC, but the Warriors could only muster four additional hits in the loss.

Additional hitters were McCullouch, a double and a single; and Daigle and Snypes, each with a single.

Will Myers took the loss for the Warriors. The Leake Academy product allowed four earned runs on three hits in two innings. He struck out three batters and walked two.

In game two, Thrower

Wildcats. The game was tied 4-4 in the top of the seventh with one out when McCullough homered and also scored Dylan Little, a product of Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, Ala. McCullough also had two doubles and tallied three RBIs in the win. Little had two singles.

Other hitters were Dylan Snypes of Wayne County and Ben Cooley of South Jones, each with a double; and Cody Daigle of Parkview Baptist in Addis, La., Michael Davis of Clinton, Chance Whitten of South Panola and Jacob Huff of Brandon, singles each.

Also collecting RBIs were Huff (2), Whitten and Cooley.

Scoring runs were McCullough (3), Little (2), Davis, Huff, Snypes, Cooley and Will Kennedy of Union.

Channing Wall, a right-handed pitcher from Louisville, got the win for East Central. He allowed four earned runs on five hits in 3 2/3 innings. He struck out three batters and walked one.

The Warriors held on for an 8-7 win in the nightcap thanks again to McCullough, who hit a three-run homer in the seventh to put the Warriors on top.

Additional hitters were Daigle, two singles; Hunter Thrower of Southeast Lauderdale, Matt Mitchell of Lake and Whitten, each with a double; and Davis and Snypes, singles each.

RBIs were credited to McCullough (4), Daigle and Thrower.

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The Warriors jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning and held off a late rally from Itawamba to pick up the win in game two.

Daigle homered and doubled to lead the Warrior offense. He also tallied three RBIs and scored two runs.

Other hitters were McCullough, double and single; Michael Davis of Clinton, two singles; and Dylan Little of Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, Ala., single.

Peyton Owen recorded the win for ECCC, allowing three runs on five hits in four and a third innings of work. He fanned two batters and walked one. Owen is a product of Stone County High School. Lane Fazende of Pearl River Central was the closer and allowed no runs on one hit in two innings. He struck out four batters.

ECCC defeated Gordon Community College of Georgia 5-1 and fell 3-2 to Northwest Florida Community College in Saturday's contests held at

Gordon. Additional hitters were Daigle, home run; Little and Dylan Snypes of Wayne County, two singles each; and Ben Cooley, single. Daigle had two RBIs and Little had one.

Colby Eaves of Nanih Waiya picked up the win for ECCC, allowing one earned run on five hits. He fanned two batters and walked five.

The Warriors could only muster four hits in the loss to Northwest Florida.

Warren, Little, Cooley and Hunter Thrower of Southeast Lauderdale each had a single.

Will Myers took the loss for the Warriors. He allowed three earned runs on four hits in five and a third innings. He fanned three batters and walked three. Myers is a product of Leake Academy.

### ECCC GRABS TWO WINS IN RUSH TOURNEY

The East Central Community College baseball team grabbed a pair of wins during the annual Rush Invitational Tournament, held, Feb. 20-21 on the Decatur campus. Games scheduled for Sunday were canceled due to inclement weather.

The Warriors defeated Jeff Davis Community College 6-1 in game one and held on for a 3-2 win against Faulkner State Community College in the night cap.

Ben Cooley tallied two RBIs on three hits, including a double and two singles, to lead the Warrior offense in game one. Cooley is a sophomore outfielder/pitcher and a product of South Jones High School.

Other hitters were Chance Whitten of South Panola, double and single; Kyle McCullough

Baptist in Addis, La., Michael Davis of Clinton, and Dylan Snypes of Wayne County, each with a single.

McCullough had two RBIs and Davis registered one.

Scoring runs were Cooley (2), Hunter Thrower (2) of Southeast Lauderdale, Daigle and McCullough.

Starter Colby Eaves of Nanih Waiya got the win. The right-hander allowed no earned runs on four hits through six innings. He fanned two batters and walked two.

East Central took an early 1-0 lead in the first inning and scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth to claim the victory in game two.

Little was the offensive leader scoring one run on two hits, including a double and a single. He also had two RBIs.

Additional hitters were Cooley and Thrower, each with two singles; and Daigle and Lane Fazende of Pearl River Central, each with a single.

Cooley also scored two runs.

Fazende was the winning pitcher and allowed no runs and no hits in the game's final two innings. He struck out one batter.

Starter Will Myers held on for seven innings, allowing one earned run on four hits. He fanned six batters and walked three.

### WARRIORS SPLIT CONTESTS WITH ST. LOUIS, NORTHEAST

The East Central Community College Diamond Warrior baseball team evened its record at 3-3 overall by splitting twin bills with St. Louis Community College and Northeast Mississippi Community College Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14. Dur-

Archers 12-2 in the nightcap. In game one, third baseman Cody Daigle had two doubles and a single to lead the Warrior offense. Daigle is a product of Parkview Baptist School in Addis, La.

Other hitters included Reagan Warren of Newton County and Dylan Snypes of Wayne County, each with a double and a single; Ben Cooley, a product of South Jones, double; and Dylan Little, a product of Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, Ala., Kyle McCulloch of Madison Ridgeland Academy, Michael Davis of Clinton and Chance Whitten of South Panola, each with a single.

RBIs were collected by Davis (3), Cooley, Little and Daigle.

Runs were scored by Daigle (2), Cooley, Little, Warren and Snypes.

Starter Matthew Mitchell of Lake took the loss. The left-hander allowed four earned runs on six hits through three and a third innings. He also fanned four batters and walked two.

In game two, Little was the offensive leader for East Central with three singles and two RBIs. He also scored two runs.

Other hitters were Daigle, a double and a single; Hunter Thrower of Southeast Lauderdale, two singles; and Cooley, McCullough and Whitten, singles each.

Also tallying RBIs were Daigle (3), Cooley, McCullough, Todd Hughes of Clarkdale, Whitten, Thrower and Snypes.

Additional Warriors scoring runs were Cooley (2), Whitten (2), Thrower (2), Daigle, Davis, T.J. Lockett of Bibb County High School in Brent, Ala., and

He struck out three batters and walked three. Eaves is a product of Nanih Waiya High School.

During Saturday's double-header again Northeast in Booneville, East Central rallied for eight runs in the seventh inning to claim a 10-4 win in game two after falling 8-0 in the opener to the host Tigers.

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Will Myers took the loss for the Warriors. The Leake Academy product allowed four earned runs on three hits in two innings. He struck out three batters and walked two.

In game two, Thrower again had three hits, including two doubles, to lead the Warriors.

Other hitters were Lane Fazende of Pearl River Central and Warren, two singles each; and Little, Davis, Jacob Huff of Brandon, McCullough and Mitchell, each with a single.

Collecting RBIs were Huff (2), Davis (2), Little, Fazende, Warren and Mitchell.

Runs were scored by Whitten (2), Fazende (2) Cooley, Little, Davis, Myers and McCullough.

Joshua Carpenter, a right-handed pitcher and product of Winona High School, was the winning pitcher. He allowed no earned runs on three hits in three and two thirds innings. He fanned five batters.

## EC Hoopsters Receive Post-Season Honors

SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM

Several members of the East Central Community College women's and men's basketball squads received accolades following a successful 2014-2015 seasons.

Lady Warriors receiving recognition include Jaleshia Jones, a guard/forward from Wayne County High School, First Team All-State; guard Tashi-Ana Thompson of Miller Grove High School in Lithonia, Ga., Second Team All-State; and Shakerya Morrison, a forward/center and product

of East Wake High School in Wendell, N.C., Second Team All-State and First Team All-Region 23.

Guard Tynika Bender of Newton and Jones have been selected to play in the April 10 MACJC All-Star Game hosted by East Central Community College. Morrison and Thompson were selected alternates.

The Lady Warriors completed season play with a 20-6 overall record and advanced to state and region tournaments under third-year head coach Crandal Porter.

Warrior honorees include

Quinton Campbell, a guard/forward from Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, Ala., First Team All-State and All-Region 23; and guard Prince McDaniel of Pascagoula High School, Second Team All-State.

Campbell was also selected to represent ECCC in the MACJC All-Star Game. Guard Kristian Clark of St. Martin was selected an alternate.

The ECCC men also advanced to state and region competition and completed the 2015 season with a 14-12 overall record under second-year head coach Robert Thompson.

## Welch Joins EC Football Staff

SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM

Taylorville native Derek Welch was recently named an assistant football coach at East Central Community College.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Welch served as an assistant defensive backs coach at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La.

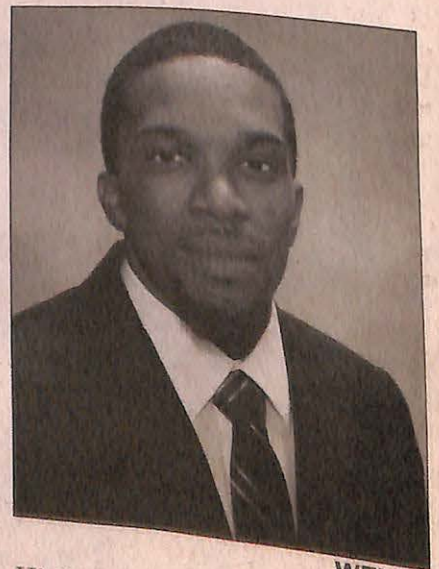
He has also held similar positions at Kemper County High School in DeKalb and Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Ark.

His experience also includes his service as a Summer Basketball Camp director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America in Union City, Tenn.

Welch received his bachelor's degree in 2012 in health and human performance from the University of Tennessee-Martin where he was a two-year starter at cornerback. Welch and the UT-Martin defense led the league in four categories including total defense, passing defense, passing efficiency defense and first and third-down defense; and were ranked fifth nationally in total defense.

A 2008 graduate of Jones County Junior College, Welch was a two-year letterman for the Bobcats and was selected first team All-State as both a defensive back and wide receiver.

He was also a first team All-State selection at Taylorville



High School, where he graduated in 2007. WELCH



Ga. Also scoring in double figures were Shakerya Morris, 18; and Kalybriah Haskin, 11. Morrison is a sophomore forward/center from East Wake High School in Wendell, N.C., and Haskin is a freshman guard and product of Olympian High School in San Diego, Calif.

Other scorers were Alexia McDonald of Petal, eight; Jalesia Jones of Wayne County and Samantha Duncan of Oak Grove, each with seven; Tynika Bender of Newton, six; and Johnta' Hughes of Hattiesburg, three.

Jayla Chills scored 25 points to lead Itawamba, which improved to 21-4 and advanced to the semifinals.

East Central, which completed season play at 20-6 under third-year head coach Crandal Porter, held a 45-38 advantage at the break.

### WARRIORS FALL TO HOLMES IN STATE TOURNAMENT

The East Central Community College Warrior basketball team was eliminated from the MACJC state tournament action Feb. 24 as they fell in overtime to Holmes Community College 62-59 in Wesson. The tournament was being hosted by Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

With the loss, ECCC fell to 13-12 overall.

Prince McDaniel scored 16 points to lead the Warriors. The freshman guard is a product of Pascagoula High School.

Also scoring were Isaiah Traylor of Tupelo, 12; Quinton Campbell, a product of Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, Ala., 11; Monte Bowie of Morton, five; Ravion Henry of Leake Central and Derrick Dandridge, a product of White Station High School in Memphis, Tenn., four each; Ramone Tate of St. Stanislaus, three; and Kristian Clark of St. Martin and Demarkus Jones of

sions to Southwest Mississippi Community College Feb. 19 in during the season finale in Summit.

The Lady Warriors were clipped 78-76 by the host Lady Bears and the Warriors fell 75-74 to the Southwest men.

Tashi-Ana Thompson poured in 26 points to lead the playoff-bound EC women, who dropped to 19-4 overall and 10-4 in the MACJC South Division. Thompson, a 5'8" sophomore guard, is a product of Miller Grove High School in Lithonia, Ga.

Also scoring were Jalesia Jones of Wayne County, 14; Shakerya Morrison of East Wake High School in Wendell, N.C., 13; Kalybriah Haskin of Olympian High School in San Diego, Calif., 12; Johnta' Hughes of Hattiesburg, Tynika Bender of Newton and Breona Foster of Neshoba Central, three each; and Breashza Ragsdale of Morton, two.

Gabriella Cortez pumped in 20 points for Southwest, which improved to 11-12 overall and 6-8 in the South Division.

EC led 35-34 at the break.

In the men's battle, the Warriors held a 29-28 halftime advantage but the visiting Wolves outscored EC by a 47-45 margin in the second half to claim the one-point victory.

Quinton Campbell, a product of Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, Ala., scored 23 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead the Warriors, who dropped to 13-11, 8-6.

Also scoring were Ravion Henry of Leake Central, 19; Prince McDaniel of Pascagoula, 14; Randy Phillips of Jackson Lanier, eight; Derrick Dandridge of White Station High School in Memphis, Tenn., six; and Demarkus Jones of Terry and Ramone Tate of St. Stanislaus, two each.

Lafayette Rutledge led Southwest with 18 points. The Wolves

rebounds with 13.

Other scorers were Johnta' Hughes of Hattiesburg, 14; Tynika Bender of Newton, 10; Kalybriah Haskin of Olympian High School in Chula Vista, Calif., and Tashi-Ana Thompson, a product of Miller Grove High School in Lithonia, Ga., each with nine; Shakerya Morrison of East Wake High School in Wendell, N.C., seven; Alexia McDonald of Petal, four; and Breashza Ragsdale of Morton, three.

EC held a 44-27 advantage at the break.

### ECCC SQUADS POST WINS OVER HINDS

East Central Community College basketball squads added one to the win column following a sweep of Hinds Community College Feb. 12, in Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium.

The Lady Warriors improved to 18-3 overall and 9-3 in south division competition with a 95-42 thumping of the visiting Lady Bulldogs.

Samantha Duncan, a freshman guard and product of Oak Grove High School, scored 20 points to lead the Lady Warriors.

Quinton Campbell, a guard/forward from Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, Ala., had 19 points to lead the Warriors in scoring.

Other scorers were Tashi-Ana Thompson, a product of Miller Grove High School in Lithonia, Ga., 15; Tynika Bener of Newton, nine; Kalybriah Haskin of Olympian High School in Chula Vista, Calif., eight; Johnta' Hughes of Hattiesburg and Alexia McDonald of Petal, seven each; Richenda Crutcher of H.W. Byers and Jalesia Jones of Wayne County, six each; Rolonda Washington of Raymond and Breona Foster of Neshoba Central, five each; Courtney Harper of Laurel, Jelisa Pearson of Quitman and Shakerya Morri-

drive.

Freshman guard Isaiah Traylor of Tupelo pumped in 23 points, including 13 of ECCC's final 15 points, to lead the Warriors in scoring. He ended the night with a dunk with 3.2 seconds left in the game.

Other point makers were Prince McDaniel of Pascagoula, 12; Ravion Henry of Leake Central High School and Quinton Campbell, a product of Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, 11 each; Derrick Dandridge, a product of White Station High School in Memphis, Tenn., 10; Demarkus Jones of Terry, four; Kristian Clark of St. Martin and Randy Phillips of Lanier, three each; and Monte Bowie of Morton, one.

Bryce Jones led the Bobcats (14-2, 7-2) in scoring with 25 points.

EC trailed 30-24 at the break.

In the women's contest, East Central claimed a 115-111 overtime victory to improve their record to 16-2 overall and 7-2 in division competition.

Sophomore guard Tashi-ana Thompson, a product of Miller Grove High School in Lithonia, Ga., and freshman guard Klybriah Haskin, a product of Olympian High School in Chula Vista, Calif., pumped in 24 points each to lead the Lady Warriors in scoring.

Additional scorers were Tynika Bender of Newton, 19; Jalesia Jones of Wayne County, 14; Shakerya Morrison, a product of East Wake High School in Wendell, N.C., 13; Samantha Duncan of Oak Grove, 11; Alexia McDonald of Petal, four; and Breona Foster of Neshoba Central and Breashza Ragsdale of Morton, three each.

Taylor Baudoin scored 28 points to lead the Lady Bobcats, who fell to 12-5, 6-3.

The game was tied 97-97 at the end of regulation following a 3-point shot by JCJC's Kadie Parker with 1.2 seconds re-

EC held a 40-38 advantage at the break.

Jaleshia Jones and Shakerya Morrison each had 20 points to lead the Lady Warriors. Jones is a sophomore guard/forward from Wayne County High School and Morrison, a sophomore forward/center, is a product of East Wake High School in Wendell, N.C.

Other point makers were Tashi-Ana Thompson of Miller Grove High School in Lithonia, Ga., 16; Tynika Bender of Newton, nine; Kalybriah Haskin of Olympian High School in San Diego, Alexia McDonald of Petal and Samantha Duncan of Oak Grove, seven each; and Breashza Ragsdale of Morton and Johnta Hughes of Hattiesburg, two each.

Tytiana Hall pumped in 34 points to lead the MCC women, who dropped to 12-6.

### EC SQUADS DEFEAT SOUTHWEST

It was a "clean sweep" for East Central Community College basketball squads as they posted MACJC South Division victories over Southwest Mississippi Community College Jan. 26 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

The Lady Warriors cruised 95-70 and improved to 14-2 overall and 5-2 in division play under third-year head coach Crandal Porter.

Tashi-Ana Thompson led EC with 19 points. Thompson is a sophomore guard and product of Miller Grove High School in Lithonia, Ga.

Also scoring in double figures were Samantha Duncan, 18; Jaleshia Jones, 17; Shakerya Morrison, 12; and Alexia McDonald, 11. Morrison was also credited with 15 rebounds.

Other scorers were Kalybriah Haskin, eight; Johnta Hughes, four; and Richenda Crutcher, Tynika Bender and Breashza

six of eight free throws.

Also scoring in double figures were Kristian Clark, a 6-6 sophomore guard from St. Martin High School, 12; and Isaiah Traylor, a 6-5 freshman guard and product of Tupelo High School, 11.

Other point makers were Ramone Tate of St. Stanislaus, seven; Derrick Dandridge, a product of White Station High School in Memphis, Tenn., six; Irishma Bowie of Morton and Randy Phillips of Jackson Lanier, five each; Quinton Campbell, a product of Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, Ala., 4; and Demarkus Jones of Terry and Rashad Collier of Brandon, two each.

Terry Morris tallied 16 points to lead the Wolves, who fell to 2-11.

EC led 45-35 at the break.

In the women's contest, EC was outscored 81-71 and fell to the undefeated Lady Wolves.

The Lady Warriors dropped 11-2 overall and 2-2 in division competition.

Jaleshia Jones was the top scorer for EC as the sophomore guard/forward from Wayne County High School poured in 23 points. Johnson connected on six of 14 field goals, made two three-point shots, and was nine of 10 from the charity stripe.

Other scorers were Shakerya Morrison, a product of East Wake High School in Wendell, NC, 13; Kalybriah Haskin of Olympian High School in San Diego, Calif., Tashi-Ana Thompson of Miller Grove High School in Lithonia, GA, and Samantha Duncan of Oak Grove High School, nine each; and Tynika Bender of Newton, eight. Morrison led in rebounds with 17.

Claresa Banks poured in 18 points to lead the Lady Wolves, who improved to 13-0.

EC trailed 41-35 at halftime.

# Awards Day ~ April 30, 2015

# Warrior Athletics

## Lady Warrior Squad Claims Victories

SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM

### ECCC Softball

#### Victorious Over Co-Lin

The East Central Community College Lady Warrior softball team defeated Copiah-Lincoln Community College 10-0, 2-1 in double-header action March 18. With the wins, ECCC improves to 21-5 overall and 7-3 in division play.

East Central jumped out to an early lead in game one, scoring four runs in the first inning of the shutout.

Andi Hannaford of Magnolia Heights School in Senatobia went 3-3 at the plate to lead the Lady Warrior offense. She also had one RBI.

Additional hitters for ECCC were Mahalia Gibson of Oak Grove, home run; Summer Lavender of Canton Academy and Katlyn Duke of Neshoba Central, each with a double; and Caitlyn Aldous of Petal, single.

In addition to Hannaford, RBIs were credited to Duke (3), Gibson (2), and Lavender.

Scoring runs were Maegen Ellis of Oak Hill Academy in West Point (2), Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale, Gibson, Hannaford, Aldous, Quitman and Mallory Lee of Quitman.

Lacey Hill, a product of Kilbourne (La.) High School, got the win. She allowed no runs on three hits in five innings. She fanned six batters.

In the nightcap, East Central scored on a fielder's choice in the bottom of the fifth inning to claim the victory.

Chloe Thaggard of Leake Academy went the distance on the mound. She allowed one run on four hits in seven innings of work. She struck out eight and walked one.

Hitters included Karoline

(2), Benson (2), Lavender (2) Mahalia Gibson of Oak Grove (2), Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale, Aldous, Katlyn Duke of Neshoba Central, Mallory Lee of Quitman and Hannah Hassell of Lamar County High School in Vernon, Ala.

Lacey Hill, a product of Kilbourne (La.) High School, got the win. She allowed five earned runs on five hits in five innings. She fanned eight batters and walked two.

In the nightcap, Chloe Thaggard of Leake Academy threw a no-hitter to take a 9-1 win over the Lady Bears.

Thaggard allowed one run in six innings of work. She struck out nine batters and walked two.

Turner led the EC offense as she went 2-2 and scored three runs.

Additional hitters included Ellis, double and single; Gibson, double; and Hassell, Aldous, Benson, Lavender and Rachel Davis of Petal, each with a single.

Recording RBIs were Gibson (2), Davis and Benson.

Runs were scored by Turner (3), Ellis (2), Hassell, Aldous, Duke and Lavender.

**ECCC Softball Sweeps Division Rival MCC**  
ECCC's softball squad got the sweep over south division rival Meridian Community College in doubleheader action March 3.

With the wins, the Lady Warriors improve to 14-4 overall and 2-2 in division competition.

EC's Lacey Hill threw a no-hitter in game one to claim an 8-0 shutout against the Lady Eagles. She also fanned eight batters and walked three. Hill is a product of Kilbourne (La.) High School.

Mahalia Gibson was the offensive leader for the Lady Warriors as she racked up

### ECCC Softball Squad Drops Twin Bill at Jones

ECCC's fast-pitch softball squad dropped a pair of decisions to Jones County Junior College Feb. 27 on the Ellisville campus.

The Lady Diamond Warriors were blanked 10-0 in the opener and fell 8-4 in the second contest of the MAC-JC South Division doubleheader.

Following the setback, EC's record stood at 12-4 overall and 0-2 in league action. The Lady Bobcats are 2-0 in the division and 12-0 overall.

In the first game, the Lady Warriors could only muster two hits against JCJC in a five-inning shutout. Karoline Holsonback and Summer Lavender each had a single. Holsonback is a product of South Lamar High School in Kennedy, Ala., and Lavender hails from Canton Academy.

Lacey Hill took the loss. She went four innings and allowed seven earned runs on 11 hits. She also fanned two batters and walked two. Hill is a product of Kilbourne (La.) High School.

In the second game, Mahalia Gibson of Oak Grove had a home run, a single and racked up two RBIs to lead the Lady Warrior offense.

Other hitters included Maegen Ellis of Oak Hill Academy in West Point, Caitlyn Aldous of Petal, Katlyn Duke of Neshoba Central, and Holsonback, each with a single. Duke also had an RBI.

Chloe Thaggard took the loss. She went six innings and allowed eight earned runs on nine hits. She struck out two batters and walked four. Thaggard is a product of Leake Academy.

### Lady Warrior Softball Sweeps East MS

3-3, including a Grand Slam and two doubles, to help lead the Lady Warriors to a 10-2 victory. She also tallied five RBIs.

Additional hitters were Duke and Hannaford, each with a double and single; and Benson and Lavender, each with a double.

Also recording RBIs were Benson, Duke, Hannaford and Rachel Davis of Petal.

Runs were scored by Mallory Tuner of Southeast Lauderdale (2), Ellis (2), Gibson (2), Benson, Duke, Hannaford and Lavender.

### ECCC Softball

#### Sweeps Twin Bill With Alabama Southern

ECCC's Lady Diamond Warriors jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning and exploded for seven runs in the second to defeated Alabama Southern Community College 9-0 in game one of a doubleheader Feb. 17. ECCC completed the sweep by defeating the Lady Eagles 7-2 in game two.

ECCC now holds an 8-2 overall record.

Caitlyn Aldous was the offensive leader for the Lady Warriors in game one. She had a double and single and three RBIs. Aldous is a product of Petal High School.

Other hitters were Anna Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy, double and single; Andi Hannaford, a product of Magnolia Heights School in Senatobia, and Karoline Holsonback of South Lamar High School in Kennedy, Ala., each with a double; and Maegen Ellis of Oak Hill Academy in West Point, and Mahalia Gibson of Oak Grove, each with a single.

In addition to Aldous, RBIs were collected by Ellis, Gibson, Hannaford, Holsonback and Nowell.

Scoring runs were Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale

Ellis, a product of Oak Hill Academy in West Point, each with a double and single; Karoline Holsonback, a product of South Lamar High School in Kennedy, Ala., double; Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale and Kristen Benson of Brookhaven, two singles each; and Rachel Davis of Petal, single.

In addition to Gibson, runs were scored by Turner (3), Aldous (2), Lavender (2), Benson (2), Hannaford, Lee, Duke, Holsonback and Ellis.

Lacey Hill was the winning pitcher. She went three innings and allowed one earned runs on three hits. She also fanned two batters and walked one. Hill is a product of Kilbourne (La.) High School.

In the second game, Ellis had a double and two singles and Nowell had three singles to lead the ECCC offense. Ellis led in RBIs with three.

Other hitters were Gibson, double and single; Turner, two singles; and Aldous, Hannaford and Benson, each with a single.

Runs were scored by Turner (3), Gibson, Aldous, Benson, Nowell and Ellis.

Leake Academy product Chloe Thaggard got the win. She allowed no runs on three hits in five innings. She struck out six batters and walked one.

### ECCC Softball Squad Drops Twin Bill at EMCC

ECCC's squad dropped a pair of decisions to East Mississippi Community College Feb. 10 in Scooba campus.

The Lady Diamond Warriors fell 12-4 in the opener and were defeated 7-6 in the second contest of the doubleheader.

Following the setback, EC's record stands at 4-2 overall. The Lady Lions are 2-0 overall.

In the first game, Maegen

der.

Lacey Hill took the loss. She went 6 1/3 innings and allowed four earned runs on nine hits. Hill is a product of Kilbourne (La.) High School.

### EC vs HOLMES

The Lady Diamond Warriors swept Holmes Community College in doubleheader action held Feb. 7.

In game one, Thaggard gave up just one hit in a 3-0 victory against the visiting Lady Bulldogs.

Gibson had a double and single to lead the Lady Warrior offense.

Other hitters were Aldous, double; Turner, Nowell, Hannaford, Ellis and Lavender, each with a single. Aldous also recorded two RBIs and Hannaford had one.

Scoring runs were Gibson, Aldous, and Benson.

In game two, Gibson again led the offense by going 4-4 at the plate, including a triple, double and two singles.

Other hitters were Aldous, double and two singles; Turner and Katlyn Duke of Neshoba Central, two singles each; and Hannaford, Ellis and Lavender, each with a single.

Duke and Aldous had two RBIs. Gibson, Benson and Lavender each had an RBI. Scoring runs were Gibson and Duke, two each; and Nowell, Benson, Hannaford and Aldous, one each.

Hill was the winning pitcher. She went seven innings and allowed one earned run on two hits.

### EC vs ALABAMA SOUTHERN

ECCC opened season action with a sweep of Alabama Southern Community College in games played Feb. 5.

In game one, the Lady Warriors had 17 hits to claim an 8-7 victory.

Offensive leaders were



in West Point (3), Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale, Gibson, Hannaford, Aldous, Lavender and Mallory Lee of Quitman.

Lacey Hill, a product of Kilbourne (La.) High School, got the win. She allowed no runs on three hits in five innings. She fanned six batters.

In the nightcap, East Central scored on a fielder's choice in the bottom of the fifth inning to claim the victory.

Chloe Thaggard of Leake Academy went the distance on the mound. She allowed one run on four hits in seven innings of work. She struck out eight and walked one.

Hitters included Karoline Holsonback of South Lamar High School in Kennedy, Ala., two singles; Aldous and Christen Benson of Brookhaven, each with a double; and Duke, single.

Turner recorded one RBI.

Runs were scored by Benson and Lee.

### **ECCC Lady Warriors Sweep Baton Rouge**

The Lady Warrior softball team got the sweep over Baton Rouge Community College March 16. With the wins, ECCC improves to 19-5 overall and 5-3 in division play.

In game one, the Lady Warriors rallied for nine runs in the fifth inning to claim a 13-5 victory.

Karoline Holsonback of South Lamar High School in Kennedy, Ala., had two singles and two RBIs to lead the Lady Warrior offense.

Additional hitters for ECCC were Summer Lavender of Canton Academy, two singles; Andi Hannaford of Magnolia Heights School in Senatobia and Christen Benson of Brookhaven, each with a double; and Maegen Ellis of Oak Hill Academy in West Point and Caitlyn Aldous of Petal, singles each.

In addition to Holsonback, RBIs were credited to Ellis (3) and Hannaford (2).

Scoring runs were Ellis

### **ECCC Softball Sweeps Division Rival MCC**

ECCC's softball squad got the sweep over south division rival Meridian Community College in doubleheader action March 3.

With the wins, the Lady Warriors improve to 14-4 overall and 2-2 in division competition.

EC's Lacey Hill threw a no-hitter in game one to claim an 8-0 shutout against the Lady Eagles. She also fanned eight batters and walked three. Hill is a product of Kilbourne (La.) High School.

Mahalia Gibson was the offensive leader for the Lady Warriors as she racked up four RBIs on two hits. Gibson, a product of Oak Grove High School in Hattiesburg, singled in the first and had a home run in the fourth.

Other hitters included Andi Hannaford of Magnolia Heights School in Senatobia, double and single; Caitlyn Aldous of Petal, two singles; Katlyn Duke of Neshoba Central, triple; and Karoline Holsonback of South Lamar (Kennedy, Ala.) and Summer Lavender of Canton Academy, each with a single.

Also tallying RBIs were Hannaford (2), Holsonback and Duke.

Runs were scored by Gibson (2), Duke (2), Lavender, Aldous, Maegan Ellis of Oak Hill Academy in West Point and Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale.

In the second game, ECCC rallied for one run in the fifth inning to grab a 3-2 victory over the Lady Eagles.

Leake Academy product Chloe Thaggard was the winning pitcher. She allowed two earned runs on six hits in seven innings. She struck out 10 batters and walked two.

Hitters included Turner and Ellis, each with a double; and Gibson and Duke, singles each. Gibson also picked up an RBI.

Scoring runs were Ellis (2) and Turner.

In the second game, Mahalia Gibson of Oak Grove had a home run, a single and racked up two RBIs to lead the Lady Warrior offense.

Other hitters included Maegen Ellis of Oak Hill Academy in West Point, Caitlyn Aldous of Petal, Katlyn Duke of Neshoba Central, and Holsonback, each with a single. Duke also had an RBI.

Chloe Thaggard took the loss. She went six innings and allowed eight earned runs on nine hits. She struck out two batters and walked four. Thaggard is a product of Leake Academy.

### **Lady Warrior Softball Sweeps East MS**

The Lady Warrior team improved their record to 10-2 with a sweep of East Mississippi Community College Feb. 24.

The Lady Warriors had 11 hits in a 10-1 victory over East MS in game one.

Hitters for ECCC were Summer Lavender of Canton Academy and Karoline Holsonback, a product of South Lamar High School in Kennedy, Ala., each with a double and a single; Andi Hannaford of Magnolia Heights School in Senatobia, two singles; Katlyn Duke of Neshoba Central, triple; Anna Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy and Caitlyn Aldous of Petal, each with a double; and Cayla Myers of Magee and Maegen Ellis, a product of Oak Hill Academy in West Point, singles each.

Hannaford led in RBIs with three. Others collecting RBIs were Aldous (2), Lavender (2), Ellis and Nowell.

Scoring runs were Hannaford (2), Ellis, Mahalia Gibson of Oak Grove, Aldous, Duke, Christen Benson of Brookhaven, Holsonback, Nowell and Lavender.

Lacey Hill, a product of Kilbourne (La.) High School, got the win. She allowed one earned run on three hits in five innings. She fanned eight batters and walked two.

In game two, Gibson went

warriors in game one. She had a double and single and three RBIs. Aldous is a product of Petal High School.

Other hitters were Anna Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy, double and single; Andi Hannaford, a product of Magnolia Heights School in Senatobia, and Karoline Holsonback of South Lamar High School in Kennedy, Ala., each with a double; and Maegen Ellis of Oak Hill Academy in West Point, and Mahalia Gibson of Oak Grove, each with a single.

In addition to Aldous, RBIs were collected by Ellis, Gibson, Hannaford, Holsonback and Nowell.

Scoring runs were Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale (2), Ellis, Gibson, Aldous, Hannaford, Nowell, Christen Benson of Brookhaven and Katlyn Duke of Neshoba Central.

In game two, Gibson was just a homerun away from hitting for the cycle, as she hammered in a triple, double and single. She also tallied three RBIs.

Additional hitters were Lavender, double and two singles; Nowell and Turner, each with a double; and Aldous, single.

Also recording RBIs were Nowell (2) and Turner.

Runs were scored by Lavender (3), Gibson (2), Turner and Aldous.

### **ECCC Softball Squad Sweeps Marion Military**

ECCC's fast-pitch softball squad swept Marion Military in double-header action Feb. 12.

The Lady Diamond Warriors took an early lead in game one to capture a 16-5 victory over the Lady Tigers and completed the sweep with an 8-0 shutout.

In game one, Mahalia Gibson of Oak Grove High School went 4-4, including two doubles, to lead the Lady Warrior offense. She also scored two runs and had three RBIs.

Other hitters were Caitlyn Aldous of Petal, Mallory Lee of Quitman and Maegen

Leake Academy product Chloe Thaggard got the win. She allowed no runs on three hits in five innings. She struck out six batters and walked one.

### **ECCC Softball Squad Drops Twin Bill at EMCC**

ECCC's squad dropped a pair of decisions to East Mississippi Community College Feb. 10 in Scooba campus.

The Lady Diamond Warriors fell 12-4 in the opener and were defeated 7-6 in the second contest of the doubleheader.

Following the setback, EC's record stands at 4-2 overall. The Lady Lions are 2-0 overall.

In the first game, Maegen Ellis of Oak Hill Academy led the offense with a double and an RBI.

Other hitters were Andi Hannaford of Magnolia Heights Schools, double; and Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale, and Karoline Holsonback of South Lamar (Kennedy, Ala.), singles each. Mahalia Gibson of Oak Grove was also credited with an RBI.

Runs were scored by Turner, Ellis, Caitlyn Aldous of Petal; and Summer Lavender of Canton Academy.

Chloe Thaggard took the loss. She went four and two-thirds innings and allowed four earned runs on seven hits. She also fanned seven batters and walked four. Thaggard is a product of Leake Academy.

In the second game, Ellis again led the Lady Warriors offensively with a double, two singles and an RBI.

Other hitters were Christen Benson of Brookhaven, double, single; Hannaford and Lavender, each with a double; Turner and Gibson, two singles each; and Aldous, single.

Gibson, Aldous, Hannaford, Benson and Anna Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy, all collected one RBI.

Runs were scored by Turner, Ellis, Aldous, Hannaford, Benson and Laven-

Duke and Aldous had two RBIs. Gibson, Benson and Lavender each had an RBI.

Scoring runs were Gibson and Duke, two each; and Nowell, Benson, Hannaford and Aldous, one each.

Hill was the winning pitcher. She went seven innings and allowed one earned run on two hits.

### **EC vs ALABAMA SOUTHERN**

ECCC opened season action with a sweep of Alabama Southern Community College in games played Feb. 5.

In game one, the Lady Warriors had 17 hits to claim an 8-7 victory.

Offensive leaders were Turner and Ellis. Turner had a triple and two singles and Ellis had a double and two singles.

Other hitters were Hannaford, three singles; Nowell and Lavender, double and single each; and Gibson, Duke, Holsonback and Aldous, singles each.

Collecting RBIs were Nowell (3), Gibson, Duke and Lavender.

Those scoring runs were Turner (4), Aldous, Lee, Ellis and Lavender.

Thaggard got the win for East Central, allowing five earned runs on five hits in five innings.

In game two, the Lady Diamond Warriors rallied for five runs in the fifth to complete the sweep with a 10-6 victory.

Gibson and Hannaford had a double and single each to lead the Lady Warriors.

Other hitters were Turner and Aldous, two singles; and Nowell, Duke, Holsonback and Lavender, singles each.

Earning RBIs were Gibson (3), Turner, Nowell, Duke, Holsonback and Hannaford.

Runs were scored by Turner (2), Lavender (2), Gibson, Duke, Holsonback, Aldous, Ellis and Mallory Lee of Quitman.

Hill was the winning pitcher. She allowed five earned runs on six hits.

# Warrior Athletics



**SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM**

**ECCC Sophomore Cheerleaders Honored:** These sophomore cheerleaders at East Central Community College received special recognition during the season-ending basketball games held Feb. 16 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Honorees and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) Katlyn Patrick, Forest; Warner Parkes, Nanih Waiya; Adam Porter, Newton County; and Hunter Brown, Leake Academy; and (standing, from left) Haleigh West, Newton County; Lauren Coward, Neshoba Central; Makenzie Rowzee and Alana Kron, both of Newton County; and Lauren Peterson, Forest. Also pictured is cheer coach Pauline Karcher.



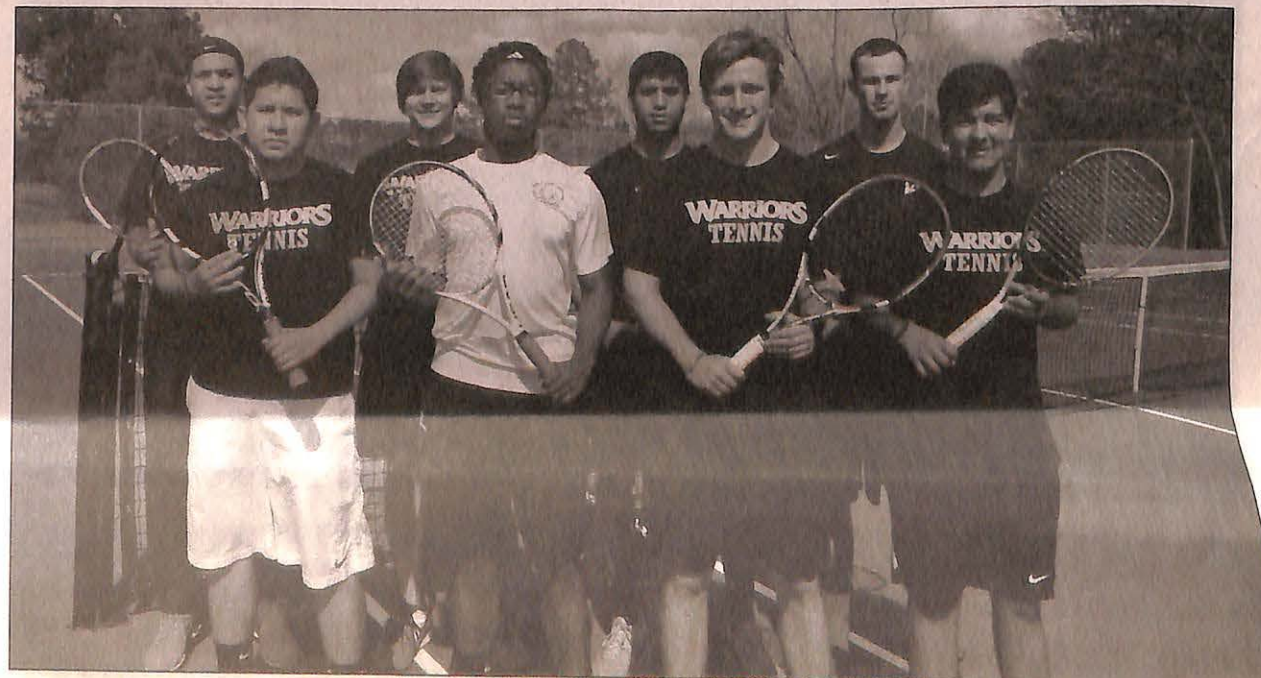
**SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM**

**EC Sophomore Lady Warriors Honored:** These members of the 2014-15 East Central Community College women's basketball team were honored during "Sophomore Appreciation Night" held Feb. 16 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Pictured are (kneeling, from left) Tynika Bender of Newton, Breona Foster of Neshoba Central, Shakerya Morrison, a product of East Wake High School in Wendell, N.C.; Jaleshia Jones of Wayne County and Tashi-Ana Thompson, a product of Miller Grove High School in Lithonia, Ga.; and (standing, from left) assistant coach Kiara Ruffin, student assistants Warner Parkes of Nanih Waiya, Teelisa Kennedy of Scott Central, Keona Foster of Neshoba Central, Tamia Cavett of Jackson Murrah and Haley Watkins of Scott Central; and head coach Grandal Porter. They are shown during the special ceremony held prior to the home finale with Pearl River Community College.



**SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM**

**ECCC Women's Tennis Team 2015:** Members of the 2015 women's tennis team at East Central Community College and their respective high schools include (back row, from left) Brook Payne, Union; and Kaley Bufkin, Macken'z Smith and Shannon St. Clair, all of Newton County; and (front row, from left) Kristine Jenkins and Katlyn Patrick, both of Forest; and Hannah Peoples, Leake Academy. Robert Thompson serves as head coach and Dianne O'Neill is adjunct coach.



**SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM**

**ECCC Men's Tennis Team 2015:** Members of the 2015 men's tennis team at East Central Community College and their respective high schools include (back row, from left) Robert Strong, Forest; Alex Chapman, Mary G. Montgomery, Semmes, Ala.; Eduardo Santillan, Forest; and Tyler Patrick, Morton; and (front row, from left) Juan Miranda, Morton; Javon Yarbrough, Louisville; Devin Skinner, Neshoba Central; and Cole Duty, Winston Academy. Robert Thompson serves as head coach and Dianne O'Neill is adjunct coach.

## EC Tennis Squads Take to the Court

**SPECIAL TO THE TOM-TOM**

9-0 by the Bobcats March 18.

In women's competition, results were as follows:

Doubles - EC's Shannon St. Clair and Kaley Bufkin defeat-

kins and Mackie Smith defeated Kacey Byrd and Madison Scott (8-6); EC's Shannon St. Clair and Kaley Bufkin fell to Taylor Patterson and Andria Barnes

(5-7, 7-6, 10-3); Jenkins fell to Rounsaville (6-0, 6-0); Katlyn Patrick lost to Krissy Stutts (6-2, 6-0); and Brooke Payne fell to Tymecka Hunter (6-1, 6-2).

EC winners in men's singles include Javon Yarbrough, who beat William Pennington, 6-1, 6-3; Robert Strong, who clipped Brandon Nettles 6-3, 2-6 (10-8);

Correy Warren (9-7); EC's Cole Duty and Alex Chapman defeated Justin Sawyer and Sam Cain (8-2); and EC's Juan Miranda and Robert Strong fell to Owen

**ECCC Women's Tennis Team 2015:** Members of the 2015 women's tennis team at East Central Community College and their respective high schools include (back row, from left) Brook Payne, Union; and Kaley Bufkin, Macken'z Smith and Shannon St. Clair, all of Newton County; and (front row, from left) Kristine Jenkins and Katlyn Patrick, both of Forest; and Hannah Peoples, Leake Academy. Robert Thompson serves as head coach and Dianne O'Neill is adjunct coach.

**ECCC Men's Tennis Team 2015:** Members of the 2015 men's tennis team at East Central Community College and their respective high schools include (back row, from left) Robert Strong, Forest; Alex Chapman, Mary G. Montgomery, Semmes, Ala.; Eduardo Santillan, Forest; and Tyler Patrick, Morton; and (front row, from left) Juan Miranda, Morton; Javon Yarbrough, Louisville; Devin Skinner, Neshoba Central; and Cole Duty, Winston Academy. Robert Thompson serves as head coach and Dianne O'Neill is adjunct coach.

# EC Tennis Squads Take to the Court

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## EC Tennis Teams Defeat Hinds, Fall to Jones

East Central Community College tennis teams defeated Hinds Community College, in contests held March 19.

The ECCC women's squad defeated the visiting Lady Eagles 5-4 and the Warriors won 9-0.

In women's competition, results were as follows:

Doubles – EC's Brooke Payne and Kristine Jenkins defeated Haley Hicks and Aygul Brown (8-3); EC's Shannon St. Claire and Kaley Bufkin fell to Brittany DeCamp and Kelly Carlson (8-1); EC's Hannah Peoples and Mackie Smith lost to Rachel Rhett and Brittany Weathersby (8-5);

Singles – St. Claire defeated Rhett (6-2, 6-1); Peoples was the victor over DeCamp (6-2, 6-2); Payne defeated Hicks (6-3, 6-3); Jenkins defeated Brown (6-4, 6-4); Smith fell to Weathersby (3-6, 6-4, 10-7); and Bufkin was defeated by Carlson (6-2, 6-2).

In men's competition, results were as follows:

Doubles – EC's Juan Miranda and Robert Strong defeated Aaron Gray and Austin Pevey (8-4); EC's Javon Yarbrough and Devin Skinner were the winners over Robert Rhett and Melvin McNair (8-6); and Cole Duty and Alex Chapman defeated Kyle Burton and Peter Bethea (8-1).

Singles – Miranda defeated Gray (6-1, 6-2); Yarbrough was the winner over Pevey (6-0, 6-1); Duty defeated Rhett (6-4, 6-4); Strong was the victor over McNair (6-2, 6-3); Skinner defeated Bethea (6-2, 6-3); and Chapman was the winner over Burton (6-2, 6-4).

The Lady Warriors fell 7-2 to Jones County Junior College and the EC men were defeated

9-0 by the Bobcats March 18.

In women's competition, results were as follows:

Doubles – EC's Shannon St. Claire and Kaley Bufkin defeated Jenna Hegwood and Shelby Gilliland (8-5); EC's Hannah Peoples and Mackie Smith lost to Claire Rounsaville and Breanna Waller (8-6); and EC's Brooke Payne and Kristine Jenkins were defeated by Krissy Stutts and Tymeka Hunter (8-1).

Singles – St. Claire defeated Hegwood (6-3, 6-2); Peoples fell to Gilliland (6-4, 6-2); Smith lost to Rounsaville (6-1, 6-0); Bufkin was defeated by Stutts (6-0, 6-0); Payne fell to Hunter (6-3, 6-1); and Jenkins lost to Caitlyn Taylor (4-6, 6-2, 10-7).

In men's competition, results were as follows:

Doubles – EC's Juan Miranda and Robert Strong fell to Graham Lightsey and Eric Swisher (8-3); EC's Javon Yarbrough and Devin Skinner were defeated by Josiah Lim and Austin Basket (8-5); and EC's Cole Duty and Alex Chapman lost to Robert Kiewit and Josh Hester (9-8, 7-3).

Singles – Miranda fell to Lightsey (6-1, 4-6, 10-3); Yarbrough lost to Lim (6-1, 6-2); Duty was defeated by Swisher (6-0, 6-4); Strong fell to Baskin (6-2, 6-0); Skinner was defeated by Kiewit (6-1, 6-4); and Chapman lost to Hester (6-0, 6-1).

Dianne O'Neill serves as adjunct tennis coach.

## Tennis Squads Drop Decisions to Itawamba

Tennis teams dropped a pair of decisions to Itawamba Community College March 17, at Gaddis Park in Forest.

The Lady Warriors fell 8-1 to the visiting Lady Indians and the Warriors lost 9-0.

In women's competition, results were as follows:

Doubles – EC's Kristine Jen-

kings and Mackie Smith defeated Kacey Byrd and Madison Scott (8-6); EC's Shannon St. Claire and Kaley Bufkin fell to Taylor Patterson and Andria Barnes (8-3); and EC's Hannah Peoples and Brooke Payne lost to Anna Clair Griffin and Ivy Robbins (8-3).

Singles – St. Claire fell to Patterson (6-1, 6-0); Peoples fell to Barnes (6-2, 6-3); Smith lost to Robbins (6-2, 6-3); Bufkin was defeated by Griffin (6-4, 6-3); Payne fell to Angela Hudson (6-3, 7-5); and Jenkins lost to Scott (6-0, 6-0).

In men's competition, results were as follows:

Doubles – EC's Juan Miranda and Robert Strong fell to Nathan Pinkey and Cody Coins (8-1), EC's Javon Yarbrough and Devin Skinner fell to Austin McElwain and David McElwain (8-3) and EC's Cole Duty and Alex Chapman were defeated by Mark Robbins and Joseph Summers (8-3).

Singles – Miranda lost to Pinkey (7-5, 6-4); Yarbrough fell to Austin McElwain (6-0, 6-3); Duty was defeated by Coins (6-2, 6-2); Strong fell to D. McElwain (6-0, 6-0); Skinner lost to Robbins (6-2, 6-0), and Chapman was defeated by Drew Ballard (6-0, 6-1).

## Tennis Squads Fall to Jones

ECCC Tennis teams dropped a pair of decisions to Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, Feb. 24.

In women's competition, results were as follows:

Doubles – EC's Shannon St. Claire and Kristine Jenkins fell to Jenna Hegwood and Shelby Gilliland (8-0); and EC's Hannah Peoples and Brooke Payne were defeated by Claire Rounsaville and Beanna Waller (8-1).

Singles – St. Claire defeated Hegwood (3-6, 6-4, 10-8); Peoples was defeated by Gilliland

(5-7, 7-6, 10-3); Jenkins fell to Rounsaville (6-0, 6-0); Katlyn Patrick lost to Krissy Stutts (6-2, 6-0); and Brooke Payne fell to Tymeka Hunter (6-1, 6-2).

In men's competition, results were as follows:

Doubles – EC's Juan Miranda and Robert Strong fell to Graham Lightsey and Eric Swisher (8-3); EC's Javon Yarbrough and Devin Skinner fell to Josiah Lim and Austin Baskin (8-4) and EC's Cole Duty and Alex Chapman were defeated by Robert Kiewit and Josh Hester (8-3).

Singles – Miranda fell to Lightsey (6-3, 7-5); Yarbrough fell to Lim (6-1, 6-0); Duty fell to Swisher (7-5, 6-3); Strong fell to Baskin (6-3, 6-1); Skinner was defeated by Kiewit (6-3, 6-2); and Chapman fell to Hester (6-0, 6-0).

## EC/Co-Lin Tennis

### Squads Split Decisions

ECCC's tennis teams split decisions with Copiah-Lincoln Community College Feb. 18 on the Wesson campus.

The Lady Warriors were victorious by a 6-3 margin and Warriors dropped a 6-3 decision.

In women's singles, EC winners were Shannon St. Claire, who defeated Madison Warren 6-1, 6-2; Hannah Peoples, who beat Allie Dear 6-1, 6-2; Kaley Bufkin, a 6-4, 6-3 victor over Caroleah Brister; and Kristine Jenkins, who defeated Carly Riley 7-5, 6-4.

In other results, Mackie Smith fell to Brandi McInnis, 6-2, 7-5; and Brooke Payne was clipped 7-6 (7-2), 6-4 by Carlianne Alderman.

Capturing wins in women's doubles were St. Claire and Bufkin, who defeated Warren and Riley 8-5; and Peoples and Payne, who posted a 9-8 (7-3) decision over Dear and Brister.

Smith and Katlyn Patrick lost their doubles match 8-2 to Alderman and McInnis.

EC winners in men's singles include Javon Yarbrough, who beat William Pennington, 6-1, 6-3; Robert Strong, who clipped Brandon Nettles 6-3, 2-6 (10-8); and Alex Chapman, who defeated Coleman Carraway 6-3, 1-6, (10-6).

In the other results, Juan Miranda fell to Dwain Perkins 6-0, 6-1; Cole Duty lost to Braxton Hinton 6-2, 2-6, (10-8); and Devin Skinner fell to Drake Nelson, 6-2, 6-3.

In doubles matches, Miranda and Strong fell 8-4 to Perkins and Pennington; Yarbrough and Skinner lost to Hinton and Nelson 8-4; and Duty and Chapman were clipped by Nettles and Carraway 8-3.

## EC Netters Sweep Holmes, Fall to MCC

ECCC's tennis teams swept Holmes Community College in matches played Feb. 10 on the Goodman campus after being swept by Meridian Community College on Feb. 6.

The ECCC women defeated Holmes 9-0. Results were as follows:

Doubles – EC's Shannon St. Claire and Kaley Bufkin defeated Katherin Woods and Jordan Baker (8-4); EC's Hannah Peoples and Brooke Payne defeated Lori Nesbitt and Jennifer Rule (8-1); and EC's Mackie Smith and Katlyn Patrick defeated Anna Claire Shores and Allie Frudge (9-8, 7-5).

Singles – St. Claire defeated Baker (6-0, 6-1); Peoples defeated Rule (6-0, 6-1); Smith defeated Woods (6-1, 6-2); Bufkin defeated Shores (6-0, 6-1); Payne defeated Frudge (6-2, 6-2); and EC's Kristine Jenkins defeated Nesbitt (6-0, 6-1).

In men's competition the Warriors defeated the Bulldogs 6-3. Results were as follows:

Doubles – EC's Javon Yarbrough and Devin Skinner defeated Dylan Throgmorton and

Correy Warren (9-7); EC's Cole Duty and Alex Chapman defeated Justin Sawyer and Sam Cain (8-2); and EC's Juan Miranda and Robert Strong fell to Owen Taylor and Nick Robertson (8-5).

Singles – Yarbrough defeated Hunter Moore (6-0, 6-0); Strong defeated Warren (6-3, 7-6 (8-10)); Skinner defeated Sawyer (6-2, 6-2); Chapman defeated Cain (6-3, 6-2); Miranda fell to Taylor (6-4, 6-0); and Duty fell to Throgmorton (4-6, 6-3, 11-9).

In women's competition against Meridian, the Lady Warriors were defeated 7-2. Results were as follows:

Doubles – St. Claire and Bufkin fell to Gibson and Smith (8-6); Peoples and Payne fell to Terry and Hartley (8-3); and Smith and Patrick fell to Terry and White (8-5).

Singles – St. Claire defeated Paige Gibson (3-5); Peoples defeated Caroline Terry (1-6, 7-5, 10-7); Bufkin fell to Jennifer Smith (1-5); Smith fell to Taylor White (0-2); Payne fell to Alden Hartley (3-2) and Jenkins fell to Summer Stockstill (5-1).

The Eagles defeated the host Warriors 7-2. Results were as follows:

Doubles – Duty and Chapman defeated Samuel Butler and Reed Kasper (8-6); Miranda and Strong fell to Chris Mallette and Shane Trebisky (8-0); and Yarbrough and Skinner fell to Judson Watson and Walt Harrington (8-3).

Singles – Chapman defeated D'Quante Evans (6-1, 6-7 (6-8)); Miranda fell to Trebisky (0-0); Yarbrough fell to Mallette (2-4); Duty fell to Watson (1-1); Strong fell to Butler (2-4); and Skinner fell to Harrington (6-3, 3-6, 10-5).

# Warrior Scene

## Scenes from *The Wizard of Oz*

